



Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL
MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

AUDIT MEETING

MONDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

PRESENT: Councillor D Roberts (In the Chair)

Councillors: C J Barry, J Amos, L Davies, S Jago, C T Jones,
G Lewis and D Sammon

Councillor A Barry – Cabinet Member

Officers:

Steve Jones (Head of Finance), Mark Thomas (Head of Corporate Services), Louise Ballinger (Senior Auditor) and Adele Lewis (Chief Accountant)

Outside Bodies:

Helen Goddard and Emma Woodcock – Wales Audit Office

Mair Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
220	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Gibby Lay Member.
221	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.
222	Statement of Accounts 2016/17	<p>The Chair welcomed Steve Jones and Adele Lewis to the Meeting.</p> <p>Steve Jones led the Committee in detail through the 'Statement of Accounts 2016-17' report and responded in detail to the following questions that were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are ECO Renewals• Paragraph 21.0 – Buildings now surplus to requirement – Are they in the process of being sold

		<p>or have they been sold</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 23.0 – Pengarnddu Provision – Update requested • Paragraph 34.0 – Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust – Should read Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust not Merthyr Valleys Homes and Board should read Trust • Capital – Orbit Business Centre - Update requested • Financial Climate – Explanation requested in relation to the -0.50% figure in the graph • Paragraph 31.0 – Exit package cost band – Why are the figures £60,001 - £300,000 shown as one sum and not broken down separately • Depreciation – Explanation requested • Valuation- Five year rolling basis – Explanation requested <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Audited Statement of Accounts for 2016/17 being the financial year ended 31 March 2017 be considered and recommended to the Council of 27 September 2017 for approval.</p> <p>Councillor J Amos left the Meeting at 2.28 pm to attend the Standards Committee Meeting and returned at 2.35 pm.</p>
223	Annual Governance Statement for Financial Year 2016/17	<p>The Chair welcomed Mark Thomas and Louise Ballinger to the Meeting.</p> <p>Louise Ballinger led the Members in detail through the 'Annual Governance Statement for Financial Year 2016/17' report.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>A recommendation be made to Full Council that the Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 be approved.</p>
224	Audit of Financial Statement Report - Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council	<p>The Chair welcomed Helen Goddard and Emma Woodcock of the Wales Audit Office to the Meeting.</p> <p>Helen Goddard led the Committee through the Auditor General for Wales 'Audit of Financial Statements Report – Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council'.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The report be noted.</p>
225	Audit Enquiries to those Charged with Governance and Management	<p>Steve Jones led the Committee through the 'Audit Enquiries to those Charged with Governance and Management' report.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The Council's response to the Wales Audit Office's request for information in respect of Management and Governance as set out in Appendix A of the report be noted.</p>

226	Information Reports	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>The following Information reports of published Internal Audit reports be received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main Accounting 2016/17 • Salaries and Wages 2016/17 • Non Domestic Rates 2016/17 • Council Tax 2016/17 • Bank Reconciliation 2016/17 • Insurance Systems and Procedures 2016/17 • Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards 2016/17 • Refuse and Waste Systems and Procedures 2016/17 • Cyfarthfa Park Primary School 2016/17 • Pantysgallog Primary School 2016/17 • Password Controls 2016/17 (Follow Up) • Carbon Reduction Commitment 2016/17 (Follow Up) • Insurance Systems and Procedures 2016/17 (Follow Up)
227	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that Training for Committee Members had yet to be provided.