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## GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Hybrid meeting, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2024.

The Committee agenda is available [here](#).

The recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Present: G. Chapman (Chair and Lay Member); N. Ireland (Vice-Chair and Lay Member); Councillors P. Drake, E. Goodjohn, M.J. Hooper, J.M. Norman, J. Protheroe and N.J. Wood and M. Evans (Lay Member).

Also present: Councillors A. Asbrey and L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources).

### AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

### AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

### AGENDA ITEM 4. DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY SAFEGUARDS TEAM ANNUAL UPDATE (REF) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the contents of the reference and report be noted on the basis that the Directorate monitor the financial strain that may be placed on the Authority if Welsh Government funding was reduced.

#### Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

### AGENDA ITEM. 5 FINAL DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN ANNUAL SELF ASSESSMENT REPORT (REF) –

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the contents of the report be noted.

(2) T H A T Cabinet considers the comments of the Governance and Audit Committee. The comments relating to:

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- In relation to engagement on social media and the use of the social media polls, for consideration to be given to their relevance.
- The use of budget tables to explain how the Council spends its money were very useful and should be publicised more, but were separate hyperlinks to the tables also required;
- For a plain language summary version of the document to be produced for members of the public.

#### Reasons for decisions

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) To advise Cabinet of the views of the Governance and Audit Committee.

#### AGENDA ITEM 6. CORPORATE RISK REGISTER QUARTER 2 UPDATE (CX) –

#### RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the comments of the Council's Strategic Leadership Team and Cabinet in response to Governance and Audit Committee comments be noted.
- (2) T H A T the Quarter 2 position of Corporate Risks (April 2024 – March 2025), as outlined in the Risk Summary Report (Annex A to the report) be noted.
- (3) T H A T the comments of the Governance and Audit Committee be referred to Cabinet. The comments being:
  - That procurement should be separated from the Financial Resources Risk and be a free standing risk on the Corporate Risk Register;
  - That the scoring of the Financial Resources Risk be reconsidered and whether it warranted a higher risk score;
  - That the Welsh Community Care Information System Risk and the Climate Change and Nature Emergency Risk be looked at as a matter of urgency by Cabinet and the Council's Strategic Leadership Team.

#### Reasons for decisions

- (1&2) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (3) To advise Cabinet of the views of the Governance and Audit Committee.

#### AGENDA ITEM 7. PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION 2024/25 POLICY (DCR) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the report be deferred to the next meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee in order to allow for an analysis of the average asset lives and

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policies adopted by other Local Authorities.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 8. GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24 (HRIAS) –

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the Governance and Audit Committee Annual Report 2023/24 be endorsed subject to an amendment to paragraph 4.4.1 to clarify that the Governance and Audit Committee had not considered all audit reports but only those with a limited assurance.

(2) T H A T the Governance and Audit Committee Annual Report 2023/24 be referred to Full Council for their consideration and endorsement.

Reasons for decisions

(1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

(2) In line with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and for Full Council endorsement.

AGENDA ITEM 9. STANWELL SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE (HRIAS) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the contents of the report be noted and the actions taken by the Internal Audit Team following the further work undertaken be agreed.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 10. INTERNAL AUDIT FOLLOW UP LIMITED OPINION (HRIAS) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the remedial actions taken to address the Internal Audit recommendations of 2021 and 2024 be noted and the Head of Housing and Building Services report back on progress made against the outstanding actions at the meeting scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

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AGENDA ITEM 11. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2024/25 (HRIAS) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the updated Forward Work Programme be approved.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.