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GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Hybrid meeting, 15th September, 2025

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

Also present: Councillors G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing), Dr. I.J. Johnson and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor G. Ball.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 21st July, 2025 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 4. FINAL DRAFT VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL ANNUAL SELF-ASSESSMENT 2024/25 (REF) –

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the contents of the Final Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment report / reference be noted.

(2) T H A T the report be referred to Cabinet for their consideration with the following recommendation that the Engagement and Insight Assessment of the Vale of Glamorgan within the Final Draft Annual Self-Assessment report 2024/25 be amended from 'Good' to 'Fair'.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report, reference and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) To enable the Governance and Audit Committee to consider the Final Draft Vale of Glamorgan Annual Self-Assessment findings in line with its statutory role, under Part 6 (section 114) of the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021. To also ensure that Cabinet considers the proposed change of rating for the Engagement and Insight assessment to better reflect the Council's performance and where it wants to be as a Council in terms of delivering to its residents.

AGENDA ITEM 5. QUARTER 1 TREASURY MANAGEMENT MONITORING
2025/26 (REF) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the contents of the Quarter 1 Monitoring report and reference for Treasury Management 2025/26 be noted.

Reason for decision

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

AGENDA ITEM 6. REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR JOINT COMMITTEE
MEETINGS (MO / HLDS) –

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the proposed new process in which a quarterly report is presented to Cabinet providing an overview of meetings of Joint Committees be endorsed.
- (2) T H A T the report and the proposed new process outlined in Resolution (1) above, be referred to Cabinet for consideration.
- (3) T H A T the Council's Head of Democratic Services, alongside the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services, undertake a review of outside representatives and lay members within Council Committees in order to increase participation and review their responsibilities, especially regarding the call-in procedure, and to try and increase the participation and representation of members of the public within the Council's processes.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) To seek Cabinet's consideration and approval.
- (3) To encourage and increase public participation and representation.

AGENDA ITEM 7. CORPORATE RISK: QUARTER 1 UPDATE (DCR) –

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the Council's Strategic Leadership Team's (SLT) consideration of the responses to the Governance and Audit Committee's comments (Annex B to the report) be noted.

(2) T H A T the Quarter 1 position of corporate risks (April 2025-June 2025) outlined in the Risk Summary report (Annex A to the report) be noted.

(3) T H A T the following comments from the Committee be referred to Cabinet for their consideration and/or endorsement in terms of corporate risk:

- Further clarification and consideration was required on the position of the delivery of major regeneration projects such as Barry Marina and its centrality to these in light of ABP withdrawing from the delivery of a marina as part of the Vale's Levelling Up Programme, and the acquisition of land (the Mole) earlier in the process and amendment of the other parts of the scheme including the park and Ocean Water Sports training facilities to compensate for the loss;
- Further clarification and consideration was required on issues regarding the Cardiff Region City Deal and the impact of the legal settlement relating to Aberthaw Power Station;
- That the national report on temporary accommodation, housing and homelessness be shared with Cabinet and the Governance and Audit Committee in due course, with the Council's response to its recommendations, as well as outlining the potential legislative and financial impact / responsibilities of these for the Council;
- The importance of adequately monitoring contract over runs and overspends for some projects where the costs had doubled from initial estimates, particularly in the context of those undertaken under Delegated Powers.

Reasons for decisions

(1&2) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

(3) To ensure Cabinet receives the comments of the Governance and Audit Committee when considering corporate risk.

AGENDA ITEM 8. Q1 2025/26 PROGRESS AGAINST EXTERNAL REGULATORY RECOMMENDATIONS AND END OF YEAR POSITION FOR 2024/25 (DCR) –

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the Council's progress to date in addressing existing recommendations made by its external regulators, as outlined in the appended

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Strategic Insight Board Insight Trackers for the periods Q1 2025/26 and Q4 2024/25 respectively, be noted.

(2) T H A T Cabinet should consider the PPA target date, and this be looked at again, with the recommendations broken down to give some key milestones regarding delivery of those recommendations.

(3) T H A T the Committee refers to Cabinet its endorsement of the removal of the completed actions from the Strategic Insight Board Insight Tracker.

Reasons for decisions

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

(2) For Cabinet to consider the PPA target date and breakdown of recommendations.

(3) To ensure that the Council's SIB Insight Tracker reflected the most up to date position on regulatory recommendations

AGENDA ITEM 9. GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE DECISION AND ACTION TRACKING (DCR) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the contents of the Decision and Action Tracking report be noted.

Reason for decision

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

AGENDA ITEM 10. PROGRESS AGAINST THE INTERNAL AUDIT RISK BASED PLAN (HRIAS) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the contents of the report and the progress made against the 2025-26 Internal Audit Risk Based Plan be noted.

Reason for decision

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

AGENDA ITEM 11. RECOMMENDATION MONITORING (HRIAS) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the content of the report and the information provided in respect of the status of the high and medium priority recommendations made by the Regional Internal Audit Service be noted.

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Reason for decision

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

AGENDA ITEM 12. DRAFT GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25 (HRIAS) –

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the Draft Governance and Audit Committee Annual Report 2024/25 be noted.
- (2) T H A T Draft Governance and Audit Committee Annual Report 2024/25 be referred to full Council for their consideration, subject to the inclusion of attendance details concerning Committee Members for the Council's various Committees within the report.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) To allow Council to consider the Draft Governance and Audit Committee Annual Report 2024/25, with the inclusion of attendance figures for Committees as part of the assessment of Committee Member engagement with these.

AGENDA ITEM 13. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2025/26 (HRIAS) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the schedule of items for the next meeting on 13th October, 2025 be endorsed and noted.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting, on attendance and information requirements.