

## GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Hybrid meeting, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.

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

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

Present: G. Chapman (Chair and Lay Member); Councillors M.J. Hooper and J. Protheroe; and M. Evans (Lay Member).

Also present: Councillors A. Asbrey, L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for performance and Resources) and G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing).

### AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from N. Ireland (Vice-Chair and Lay Member) and Councillors G. Ball, B. Dodd and E. Goodjohn.

### AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2026 be approved as a correct record.

### AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

### AGENDA ITEM 4. AUDIT WALES: VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL AUDIT PLAN 2026 (DCR) –

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the Audit Wales Plan 2026 be noted.
- (2) T H A T the report be referred to Cabinet for their oversight.

#### Reasons for decisions

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) To enable Cabinet's oversight of the external audit programme.

AGENDA ITEM 5. REGIONAL INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE CHARTER 2026-27 (HRIAS) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the Regional Internal Audit Service Charter for 2026-27 as attached at Appendix A to the report be approved.

Reason for decision

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

AGENDA ITEM 6. GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE DECISION AND ACTION TRACKING (HRIAS) –

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of the Decision Tracking record appended to the report be noted.
- (2) T H A T in regard to the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee, for their Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer to be invited to provide an update overview to the Governance and Audit Committee in relation to progress with the production of their Annual Statement of Accounts.
- (3) T H A T a formal request be made to the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee to provide to the Governance and Audit Committee an unredacted version of the review report produced following the litigation case to the award of the tender for the former Aberthaw Power Station site.
- (4) T H A T the Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee write to the Auditor General for Wales on behalf of the Committee, expressing concern regarding the £6.5 million payout following the judicial review and ask what actions Audit Wales would be taking to provide reassurance around the public funding that had been lost.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) To provide an update on the progress in relation to the production of the Annual Statement of Accounts for the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee.
- (3) To allow the Governance and Audit Committee to consider the findings of the said report, as the case had financial implications for the Vale of Glamorgan Council.
- (4) To express concern for the impact following the judicial review and to clarify actions to be taken by Audit Wales to provide reassurance to the public.