

## GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.

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); M. Evans (Lay Member); Councillors P. Drake, E. Goodjohn, M.J. Hooper, J.M. Norman, J. Protheroe and N.J. Wood.

Also present: Councillor A. Asbrey and J. Owen (Audit Wales).

### AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 be approved as a correct record.

### AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

### AGENDA ITEM 4. CORPORATE RISK REGISTER QUARTER 4 UPDATE (CX) –

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the Quarter 4 position of corporate risks (April 2022 – March 2023) as outlined in the risk Summary Report (Annex A) to the report be noted.

(2) T H A T the comments of the Governance and Audit Committee be referred to Cabinet for endorsement at the meeting when Cabinet will consider a report on the Corporate Risk Register for Quarter 4, the comments of the Governance and Audit Committee being:

- For consideration to be given to the removal of Brexit from the Risk Register given that most impacts are incorporated under other themes and Risks.
- For Cabinet and the Project Zero Board to give regard as to whether Project Zero should be attributed a risk impact status of catastrophic, given the seriousness of meeting challenges associated with implementation. The Council should also not shy away from attributing a catastrophic status.
- For further consideration to be given to the impact on the capacity on Looked After Children residential care placements and new legislation

from Welsh Government, particularly in relation to private sector providers and market fragility.

Reasons for decisions

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

AGENDA ITEM 5.                   UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2022/23  
(HOF/S1510) –

RESOLVED –

(1)     T H A T the unaudited Vale of Glamorgan Council Statement of Accounts for 2022/23 be noted and the comments of the Committee be referred to the Head of Finance as Section 151 Officer for subsequent discussion with the Council's external auditors, Audit Wales.

(2)     T H A T the unaudited Shared Regulatory Services Joint Committee Statement of Accounts for 2022/23 and the Shared Regulatory Services Governance Statement be noted.

(3)     T H A T the unaudited Vale, Valleys and Cardiff Regional Adoption Service Statement of Accounts for 2022/23 be noted.

Reasons for decisions

(1)     To allow for the initial review of the unaudited Vale of Glamorgan Council Statement Accounts by those charged with governance.

(2&3) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6.                   DRAFT ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2022/23  
(HOF/S1510) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the draft Annual Governance Statement for 2022/2023 be agreed in principle subject to the document being revised following consideration by the Governance and Audit Committee which wants incorporated for it to be recommended for adoption by the Leader and Chief Executive.

Reason for decision

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

AGENDA ITEM 7. STANWELL SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE  
(HRIAS) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the update provided to the Governance and Audit Committee be noted.

Reason for decision

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

AGENDA ITEM 8. ANNUAL CORPORATE FRAUD REPORT 2022/23  
(HRIAS) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the contents of the report, the measures in place and the work being undertaken to prevent and detect fraud and error be noted.

Reason for decision

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

AGENDA ITEM 9. UPDATED FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24  
(HRIAS) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the Forward Work Programme be endorsed subject to the inclusion of an update report regarding Stanwell School for the next meeting, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

Reason for decision

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