

## GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Hybrid Meeting, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 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 and J. Protheroe; and M. Evans (Lay Member).

Also present: Councillors L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), H.C. Hamilton and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

### AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor N.J. Wood.

### AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

### AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

### AGENDA ITEM 4. DIGITAL STRATEGY REVIEW – VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (REF) –

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the findings arising from the review of the Council's Digital Strategy (Appendix A to the report), the response of the review findings and Audit Wales' recommendations (Appendix B to the report) be noted.

(2) T H A T the Governance and Audit Committee receive an update report in six months' time as part of the revised monitoring schedule and for any issues and areas of slippage to be highlighted within the report.

### Reason for decisions

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

AGENDA ITEM 5. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CODE UPDATE 2023/24 (DCR) –

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the Statement of Compliance with the Financial Management Code and the contents of the review, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.
- (2) T H A T Cabinet be advised of the view of the Governance and Audit Committee for the current financial position of the Council, as well as the possible implications and future challenges facing the Council in achieving a balanced budget for forthcoming years, be highlighted.

Reason for decisions

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

AGENDA ITEM 6. PROGRESS AGAINST THE INTERNAL AUDIT RISK BASED PLAN 2023/24 (HRIAS) –

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of the report and the provisional final position of the 2023/24 Internal Audit Annual Risk Based Plan, be noted.
- (2) T H A T the relevant Directors / Heads of Service for the three limited assurance audits identified within paragraph 2.6 of the report relating to Leisure Centres, Debtors and Residential Homes, be requested to attend the next meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee to provide a report and update on the actions being taken in response to the recommendations following the review of Internal Audit.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) In order for the Governance and Audit Committee to be provided with an update in relation to the three limited assurance audits highlighted within paragraph 2.6 of the report.

AGENDA ITEM 7. RECOMMENDATION MONITORING (HRIAS) –

RESOLVED –

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

(2) T H A T, in relation to the health and safety matters and school building compliance, the Director of Learning and Skills assist the Director of Environment and Housing to ensure that the schools identified within the report met the necessary compliance and health and safety regulations.

Reason for decisions

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

AGENDA ITEM 8. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2024/25 (HRIAS) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the Forward Work Programme be noted, subject to further consideration as to whether a Special / Extraordinary meeting would be required for May 2024.

Reason for decision

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