

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held at The Pavilions, Clydach Vale on Tuesday, 3rd May 2016 at 5.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mr. R. Hull – in the Chair

County Borough Councillors

J. Bunnage	G. Smith
(Mrs) A. Calvert	G. Stacey
W.J.David	P. Wasley
C.Davies	E. Webster
P.Griffiths	C.J. Williams
(Mrs) S.J.Jones	C.J.Willis

Officers in Attendance

Mr. C.B. Jones – Service Director, Legal & Democratic Services

Mr. P. Griffiths – Service Director, Performance & Improvement

Mr. M. Crumbie – Operational Audit Manager

51 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from County Borough Councillors R.K.Turner, M.J.Watts and D. Weeks.

52 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, the following declarations of personal interests in matters pertaining to the agenda were received from:

- (1) County Borough Councillor (Mrs) A. Calvert in respect of agenda item no.3 – Finalised Audit Assignments 2015/16 – “I am in receipt of a pension”.
- (2) Mr. R. Hull in respect of agenda item no.3 – Finalised Audit Assignments 2015/16 – “I am in receipt of a pension”.
- (3) County Borough Councillor G. Stacey in respect of agenda item no.3 – Finalised Audit Assignments 2015/16 – “I have two grandchildren who attend Cardinal Newman School”.
- (4) County Borough Councillor G. Smith in respect of agenda item no.3 – Finalised Audit Assignments 2015/16 – “I have a Grandson who attends Cardinal Newman School”.

(5) Mr. M. Crumbie in respect of agenda item no.3 – Finalised Audit Assignments 2015/16 – “My partner is the Bursar at Cardinal Newman School”.

(6) County Borough Councillor P. Wasley in respect of agenda item no.3 – Finalised Audit Assignments 2015/16 – “I am a ward member of Tonyrefail Community First”.

53 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve as an accurate record, the minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 31st March 2016.

54 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(1) Minute No.49(2) – the Service Director, Performance & Improvement advised the Committee that the comments received would be referred to the relevant scrutiny committee for consideration when the workplans for 2016/17 are compiled..

(2) Minute No.49(3) – the Operational Audit Manager provided a brief overview of the recent changes to the approach taken by the Council in undertaking gulley and culvert cleansing within the County Borough.

REPORTS OF THE GROUP DIRECTOR, CORPORATE & FRONTLINE SERVICES

55 FINALISED AUDIT ASSIGNMENTS 2015/16

The Operational Audit Manager provided the Committee with a summary of the following audit assignments completed between 12th March 2016 and 15th April 2016:

- Sexual Violence & Domestic Abuse;
- Substance Misuse;
- Pensions; and
- Cardinal Newman RC Comprehensive.

and following consideration of the outcomes of the various assignments, it was **RESOLVED** to note the information.

56 DRAFT INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

The Operational Audit Manager outlined the draft Annual Report, attached to the report as Appendix 1, together with a statement of assurance in respect of the Council’s internal control environment based on the work undertaken by Internal Audit during 2015/16. Appendix 2 attached to the report, provided Members with details of the year-end position in relation to the delivery of the 2015/16 Internal Audit Plan.

Following consideration of the report, it was **RESOLVED** –

- (1) To endorse the Internal Audit Annual Report.
- (2) To receive an overview of the revised Whistleblowing Policy & procedure at a future meeting.

57 DRAFT ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2015/16 – RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Operational Audit Manager outlined the report which provided Members with the Council's draft Annual Governance Statement for the financial year 2015/16 and following consideration thereof, it was **RESOLVED** to recommend its certification by the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive in readiness for inclusion within the Council's draft 2015/16 Statement of Accounts.

**R.HULL
CHAIRMAN**

The meeting terminated at 5.30 p.m.