

**CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM  
REPORT FOR JOINT COMMITTEE**

**21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2019**

**JOINT EDUCATION SERVICE**

**REPORT OF THE ACTING MANAGING DIRECTOR – 2018/19 INTERNAL  
AUDIT REPORT**

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To consider the Internal Audit report issued by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council's Internal Audit Service to the Central South Consortium during 2018/19.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Review the Internal Audit Report issued during 2018/19 and determine whether there are any matters of governance or an internal control nature that require further action or attention.

**3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The Central South Consortium is responsible for putting in place proper arrangements for the governance of its affairs and facilitating the effective exercise of those functions.
- 3.2 One aspect of governance is the system of internal control and Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council's Internal Audit Service undertake audit work each year to independently assess the adequacy of this area from a financial administrative perspective. This work is undertaken in line with the Legal Agreement for the Central South Consortium.

- 3.2 Members will be aware the Central South Consortium is also responsible for undertaking an assessment of its governance arrangements each year, including the system of internal control, the findings from which are set out in an Annual Governance Statement (AGS). The conclusions from Internal Audit’s work during 2018-19 will form part of the AGS for this period (with the AGS being reported to the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 Joint Committee meeting).

#### **4. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT ISSUED IN 2018/19**

- 4.1 For the 2018/19 financial year, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council’s Internal Audit Service reviewed one core financial system in line with its approved Annual Audit Plan. Details of the outcome of the review are set out in Table 1 and a copy of the full report is included at Appendix 1.

Table 1 – Internal Audit Report Issued in 2018/19

<b>Internal Audit Report Issued</b>	<b>Conclusions</b>	<b>Number of Recommendations Reported</b>	<b>Number of Recommendations Implemented</b>
General Ledger	Effective	0	0

- 4.2 In addition, during the year the Internal Audit Service undertook grant certification work to ensure the expenditure being claimed by the Consortium in 2017/18 was supported with appropriate evidence and was eligible in line with the terms and conditions of the Welsh Government funding received<sup>1</sup>. The outcomes from the review were that no amendments to the ‘grant claim’ were required and the amount claimed was certified as being eligible (and confirmation of which was subsequently submitted to Welsh Government).

#### **5. CONCLUSIONS**

- 5.1 Internal Audit play an important role in providing independent assurance on the systems of internal control operating within the Central South Consortium.
- 5.2 Based on the work undertaken by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council’s Internal Audit Service during the year, no recommendations for improvement were deemed necessary in respect of the Consortium’s internal control arrangements.

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<sup>1</sup> Welsh Government funding i.e. Education Improvement Grant

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**AS AMENDED BY**

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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**List of background papers**

Freestanding matter

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