

AUDIT COMMITTEE: 27 June 2016

Wales Audit Office Report: Certificate of Compliance for the City and County of Cardiff Council (Improvement Plan)

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES

AGENDA ITEM: 6.3

PORTFOLIO: CORPORATE AFFAIRS

Reason for this Report

1. The Audit Committee Terms of Reference sets out their responsibility for Governance, Risk & Control and also Financial Reporting. This report allows the Committee to be updated with reference to the above.
2. This report has been prepared to present to the Audit Committee the Certificate of Compliance issued by the Wales Audit Office (WAO) in respect of the Council's Corporate Plan 2016/17.

Background

3. The Auditor General for Wales (AGW) is required under sections 17 and 19 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 (LG(W)M 2009) to carry out an audit of the Improvement Plan, to certify that he has undertaken this, and to report whether he believes that the Council has discharged its duties to prepare and publish an Improvement Plan in accordance with statutory requirements set out in section 15 and the associated statutory guidance.
4. For the purposes of discharging this element of the LG(W)M 2009 the Council publishes a Corporate Plan.
5. The Certificate of Compliance is based on an assessment conducted after the publication of the Corporate Plan on 7th April 2016.

Certificate of Compliance

6. The AGW concluded that the Council has discharged its duties under section 15(6) to (9) of the Measure and has acted in accordance with Welsh Government guidance sufficiently to discharge its duties.

Reason for Report

7. To present the Auditor General's findings and set out the process for providing assurance that the Council is discharging its obligation under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and is having due regard to the output of regulatory activity.

Legal Implications

8. There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

Financial Implications

9. There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

10. To note the work of the Auditor General and identify any issues which the Audit Committee consider relevant to their work programme.

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The following appendix is attached

Appendix 1: Wales Audit Office (WAO) Certificate of Compliance: Audit of the City of Cardiff Council's Improvement Plan 2016/17