



AUDIT COMMITTEE - 14TH MAY 2013

SUBJECT: WALES AUDIT OFFICE REPORT: REVIEW OF MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOLLOWING A HOMICIDE - REPORT FROM HEALTHCARE INSPECTORATE WALES

REPORT BY: DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 In September 2012 the Wales Audit Office (WAO) undertook a review to ensure the Council has "established appropriate systems to manage the housing of vulnerable people discharged from institutions". The attached report outlines the findings of the review.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 In June 2011 Health Inspectorate Wales (HIW) published a report in relation to the circumstances surrounding a homicide committed in the County Borough in March 2009 by an individual with mental health issues.
- 2.2 The report identified a number of failings on the part of all agencies involved and made a total of 23 recommendations covering all agencies. The WAO report attached centres around the recommendations made that related to the Council's Housing Service

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 Divisional Service Improvement Plan

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The original HIW report made 23 recommendations for improvement covering all agencies. In the aftermath of the report an Action Plan Group was put together consisting of senior officers from the Local Authority and Aneurin Bevan Health Board. This group ensured that each of the relevant actions was progressed against a given timescale.
- 4.2 Progress against the action plan was initially looked at by the Care & Social Services Inspectorate for Wales (CSSIW) in 2012 and this has been followed up by this review of the housing related recommendations by WAO.
- 4.3 In order to ensure the issues have progressed satisfactorily, the Action Planning group has reconvened and will ensure satisfactory progress. Housing staff will be core members of this group.
- 4.4 It is also understood that a further inspection of Mental Health provision in the Borough will be undertaken by CSSIW and HIW in late 2013 / early 2014.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no potential equalities implications of this report and its recommendations on groups or individuals who fall under the categories identified in Section 6 of the Council's Strategic Equality Plan. There is no requirement for an Equalities Impact Assessment Questionnaire to be completed for this report.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no personnel implications associated with this report

8. CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 There are no consultees that have not been included in the overall report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 It is recommended that Audit Committee note the content of the Wales Audit report

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 To ensure Regulator reviews are appropriately managed and monitored across the Authority.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Local Government Measure 2009, Wales Programme for Improvement 2010

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Review of Management Arrangements Following a Homicide - Report from Healthcare Inspectorate Wales