



## CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 11TH NOVEMBER 2009

**SUBJECT: WELSH AUDIT OFFICE REPORT**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the recently agreed action plan to implement the recommendations of the WAO report on health and safety.

### 2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Welsh Audit Office visited the Authority in October 2007 to review the effectiveness of health and safety management across the Authority.
- 2.2 The report was subject to significant delays and is still in draft format only.
- 2.3 The report highlighted a number of perceived weaknesses in health and safety management principally around fragmented health and safety structures, unclear reporting lines, inability to identify total spend on health and safety and lack of a corporate approach to ensure that spend is risk prioritised and targeted to corporate risks.
- 2.4 An action plan to progress the report recommendations was recently approved by CMT.
- 2.5 It should be noted that a number of issues highlighted in both the report and action plan have already been progressed due to the time-lag from WAO visit to action plan.
- 2.6 Work is now in progress to implement the recommendations set out in the report and action plan. This will result in a more robust health and safety structure and arrangements.
- 2.7 Both the report and action plan will be circulated at the meeting.

### 3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the contents of the report be noted.
- 3.2 That a further report be brought to Corporate Health and Safety Committee providing updates as required.

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