



AUDIT COMMITTEE – 17TH OCTOBER 2017

SUBJECT: WAO GOOD GOVERNANCE WHEN DETERMINING SIGNIFICANT SERVICE CHANGES – CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 1.1 The report, which was presented to Cabinet on 5th July 2017, presented the Wales Audit Office (WAO) report on Good Governance when determining significant changes.
- 1.2 It was noted that in February 2017 the Authority received a report from the WAO in respect of good governance when determining significant services changes. The report focused on a review of the effectiveness of Caerphilly County Borough Council's (the Council) governance arrangements for determining significant service changes. WAO define this as any significant change in delivering services and/or any significant change in how services are experienced by external service users..
- 1.3 The review concluded that the Council's approach to service change has been proportionate to the scale of changes it has made to date and it is strengthening its arrangements to prepare for potentially more significant future changes.
- 1.4 Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations in the report be approved. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the Officers report:-

- (i) the content of the WAO Good Governance When Determining Significant Service Changes – Caerphilly County Borough Council be noted;
 - (ii) the Officer response to the WAO proposals for improvement as detailed in 4.5 of the report be noted.
- 1.5 Members are asked to consider the report and note the Wales Audit Office (WAO) report on Good Governance when determining significant changes.

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Appendix:
Report to Cabinet dated 5th July 2017