

PWYLLGOR Y GWASANAETHAU DEMOCRATAIDD

17^{eg} Mawrth 2016

SWYDDFA ARCHWILIO CYMRU - ADRODDIAD ASESIAD CORFFORAETHOL 2015

Yr argymhellion / penderfyniadau allweddol sydd eu hangen:

1. Nodi cynnwys Adroddiad Aseiad Corfforaethol 2015
2. Ystyried a chymeradwyo Blaenraglen Waith y Pwyllgor am 2016-17.

Y Rhesymau:

Yn 2013-14 dechreuodd Swyddfa Archwilio Cymru gyloch pedair blynedd o Aseidiadau Corfforaethol ynghylch yr holl Awdurdodau yng Nghymru o dan Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol (Cymru) 2009. Ym mis Hydref 2015 bu'n cynnal Aseiad Corfforaethol ynghylch Cyngor Sir Caerfyrddin.

Angen ymgynghori â'r pwyllgor craffu perthnasol AMH

Angen i'r Bwrdd Gweithredol wneud penderfyniad

Oes - 1^{af} Chwefror 2016

Angen i'r Cyngor wneud penderfyniad

Oes - 10^{fed} Chwefror 2016

YR AELOD O'R BWRDD GWEITHREDOL SY'N GYFRIFOL AM Y PORTFFOLIO:- Y
Cynghorydd Ysgol Emlyn Dole.

Y Cynghorydd Terry Davies, Cadeirydd Pwyllgor y Gwasanaethau Democrataidd a'r
Cynghorydd Mair Stephens, Hyrwyddwr Datblygiad Aelodau. (Hyfforddiant i'r Aelodau)

Y Gyfarwyddiaeth
Y Prif Weithredwr

Enw Pennaeth y
Gwasanaeth: Linda Rees-
Jones

Awdur yr Adroddiad:
Gaynor Morgan

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DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

17TH MARCH 2016

SUBJECT

Wales Audit Office - Corporate Assessment Report 2015

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

Welsh Audit Office undertook the Corporate Assessment fieldwork in Carmarthenshire County Council during October 2015. The purpose of the Corporate Assessment is to provide a position statement of an authority's capacity and capability to deliver continuous improvement.

The Authority has been highly praised by the Welsh Audit Office for having a well established vision that is driven forward by a strong collective leadership from both Executive and Corporate Management Teams. A clear framework of well-aligned plans and strategies that translate high level outcomes the Council has agreed with partners into priorities for action has also been recognised ensuring a strong ethos of continuous improvement runs through everything the Council does.

The Democratic Services Committee is responsible for securing the provision of reasonable training and development opportunities for Councillors and prepare reports and recommendations to Council in relation to such provision and is also tasked with the promotion and support of good governance by the Council.

The Corporate Assessment report included the following suggested areas for improvement, in terms of Governance:-

- Develop forward work programmes to ensure that all appropriate committees have a published up to date programme owned by committee Members.
- Publish a register of delegated decisions.
- Develop and deliver training to help Members understand their roles and responsibilities and refresh this training delivery as Members move between roles.
- Review the remit of Audit Committee to make sure it is delivering what is expected of it.

A full copy of the Corporate Assessment can be viewed on the Wales Audit Office website:-

<http://www.audit.wales/publication/carmarthenshire-county-council-corporate-assessment-report-2015>

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

YES

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Linda Rees Jones - Head of Administration and Law

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| Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities | Legal | Finance | ICT | Risk Management Issues | Staffing Implications | Physical Assets |
| YES | YES | NO | NO | NO | NO | NO |

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The Corporate Assessment assesses the Authority's governance arrangements throughout the organisation. The Authority will need to address the Proposals for Improvement made within the final published report.

In addition to the Proposals for Improvement, the report contains some other actions that may need to be addressed or formally discounted.

2. Legal

As part of the Local Government Wales (Measure) 2011 the Democratic Services Committee is responsible for securing the provision of reasonable training and development opportunities for Councillors promotion and support of good governance by the Council.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Linda Rees Jones- Head of Administration & Law

Gaynor Morgan – Head of Democratic Services

1. Scrutiny Committee – N/A

2. Local Member(s) – N/A

3. Community / Town Council – N/A

4. Relevant Partners – N/A

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW :-

| Title of Document | FileRefNo. | Locations that the papers are available for public inspection |
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| WAO Corporate Assessment Report 2015 Carmarthenshire County Council | | http://www.audit.wales/system/files/publications/Carmarthenshire_CA_English_2016.pdf |