

<u>BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL</u>	
Report to	The Chair and Members of the Audit Committee
Report Subject	Wales Audit Office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of Local Reviews – Blaenau Gwent CBC • Good Governance when Determining Significant Service Change – Blaenau Gwent CBC • Savings Planning – Blaenau Gwent - CBC
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Directorate	Corporate Services
Executive Portfolio	Leader / Corporate Services
Date of meeting	14th November 2017
Date signed off by Monitoring Officer	N/A
Date signed off by Section 151 Officer	N/A
Date signed off by Chair	
Key words	Wales Audit Office / Information Technology / Asset Management / Partnership / Savings Planning / Service Change / Governance

Report Information Summary

1.	Purpose of Report
1.1	<p>The purpose of the report is to present to Audit Committee the findings of Wales Audit Office reviews as part of their Regulatory Programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WAO Summary of Local Reviews - Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (Appendix 1); • WAO Good Governance when Determining Significant Change - Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (Appendix 2); and • WAO Savings Planning - Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council (Appendix 3).
2.	Scope of the Report
2.1	The attached appendices include detail on the findings of the WAO and the actions being taken to respond to the Proposals for Improvement.
3.	Recommendation(s) / Endorsement by other groups, e.g. CLT/Committees/Other groups
3.1	<p>The Directorates and CLT have responded to the WAO regarding their findings and endorse the approach identified by the Directorate to respond to the Proposals for Improvement.</p> <p>The reports have also been presented to the Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee on 4th September 2017.</p>
4.	Recommendation/s for Consideration
4.1	The Audit Committee consider the attached appendices and agree there is a level of assurance that the implementation of the Proposals for Improvement will be undertaken via the Council's Business Planning processes and monitored through the Performance and Finance report.

Why this topic is a priority for the Council?							
Single Integrated Plan (SIP)	Council's Well-being Objectives	Performance Management Improvement Framework (PMIF)	Transforming Blaenau Gwent (TBG Programme)	Relevant legislation	Other (please state)		
	X	X			WAO		
Reporting Pathway							
Directorate Management Team (DMT)	Corporate Leadership Team (CLT)	Audit	Democratic Services Committee	Scrutiny	Executive	Council	Other (please state)
	01.08.17	14.11.17		04.09.17	27.09.17		