

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT

REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

REPORT SUBJECT: ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 1ST AUGUST, 2017

REPORT AUTHOR: BUSINESS SUPPORT OFFICER – DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

<u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTION TO BE TAKEN</u>	<u>BY WHOM (TIMESCALE IF DECIDED)</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
7	01.08.17	<u>ACTION SHEET</u> <i><u>Aneurin Leisure</u></i> The Officer undertook to circulate contractual information to Members.	Information & Governance Officer	Monitoring arrangements confirmed by I&GO at the following meeting 12 th September. An extract of the contract covering these clauses can be provided upon request.

9	01.08.17	<p><u>ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT</u></p> <p>A Member referred to the Corporate Risk Register on Page 254 of the document, and enquired as to the potential financial sanctions as a result of non-compliance with the Welsh Language Act.</p> <p>In response the Head of Financial Services said the full details were not yet known and undertook to report back further on this issue. However, she confirmed that should the Council be found to be non-compliant on any of the Welsh Language Standards, there would be a financial penalty for each and every occasion of non-compliance. Whilst the Council had not incurred any financial penalties, it was a potential risk moving forward.</p>	Head of Financial Services	<p>The Welsh Language Commissioner has the power to impose financial penalties – currently £5,000 for each failure against a standard.</p> <p>However other non financial sanctions may be imposed e.g. a recent case with Blaenau Gwent did not result in a financial penalty, the Council was required to develop and implement an action plan to address the non compliance issue.</p>
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