

Committee: **Governance and Audit Committee**

Date of meeting: **27<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Report Subject: **Audit Wales – Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council Annual Audit Summary 2020**

Portfolio Holder: **Cllr N. Daniels, Leader / Corporate Services**

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Reporting Pathway								
Directorate Management Team	Corporate Leadership Team	Portfolio Holder / Chair	Audit Committee	Democratic Services Committee	Scrutiny Committee	Executive Committee	Council	Other (please state)
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**1 Purpose of the Report**  
 The purpose of the report is to present the Audit Wales - Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council Annual Audit Summary 2020 (attached at Appendix 1).

**2. Scope and Background**  
 Audit Wales – Annual Audit Summary published in May 2020, provides a synopsis of each review undertaken by Audit Wales over the year, this is included in Appendix 1.

Also included is the planned work by Audit Wales for 2020-21:

- Recovery planning in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Covid-learning project – helping to identify and share learning from the way in which public bodies have responded to the pandemic;
- Assurance and risk assessment;
- A review of the Council’s financial sustainability;
- A review of People, Performance and Financial Resilience in Community Services; and
- A review of data-driven decision-making.

**3. Recommendation**  
 3.1 It is recommended that that Audit Committee note the Annual Audit Summary published in May 2021.