

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council

Action Sheet

Governance & Audit Committee – 27th July, 2022

Item	Action to be Taken	By Whom	Action Taken
8	<p><u>Internal Audit Progress Report</u></p> <p>Future reports on management actions in relation to limited assurance audits to be included as part of the progress reports for the Committee.</p> <p>Progress reports on audits of SRS be included in the FWP for the Committee.</p>	<p>Audit & Risk Manager</p> <p>Audit & Risk Manager</p>	<p>Follow-up audits routinely undertaken on limited assurance audits and presented to Committee as part of the progress reports.</p> <p>SRS report included in FWP</p>
9	<p><u>Audit Wales – Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council Annual Audit Summary 2021</u></p> <p>A Member said the report referred to the fact that Blaenau Gwent County Borough has 6 (13%) of its 47 areas deemed the most deprived 10% of areas in Wales, this is the sixth highest of the 22 unitary councils in Wales, and enquired as to the 6 areas.</p>	<p>Charlotte Owen, Audit Wales</p>	<p>The 6 ‘Lower Super Output Areas’ are:</p> <p>Tredegar Central and West 2 Sirhowy 2 Ebbw Vale North 2 Ebbw Vale South 1 Nantyglo 3 Cwmtillery 1</p> <p>Further info can be found here: WIMD - Home Page (gov.wales)</p>

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10	<p><u><i>Audit Wales 2022 Audit Plan for Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council</i></u></p> <p>A Member asked whether a summary of the responses received from the consultation undertaken in March 2022 could be provided.</p> <p>The Chair requested that a briefing note be circulated to Members on progress of the Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement.</p> <p>A Member also requested that the draft Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement be circulated to Members when completed.</p>	<p>Charlotte Owen, Audit Wales</p> <p>Rhian Hayden</p> <p>Rhian Hayden</p>	<p>In early March 2022, we launched a consultation on the Auditor General's work programme for 2022-23 and beyond. We extended the timetable for the consultation to mid-May and received 47 responses from various sources. The responses we received to our proposed areas of future focus were generally positive, but with suggestions also being raised on topics that did not feature explicitly in our consultation document.</p> <p>We plan to produce a brief summary of the responses and our next steps - this will be published on the Audit Wales website. Our fuller response to the consultation responses will come in decisions around our future work programme and these will also be communicated more widely in due course.</p>