

**Report of the Deputy Head of Legal
and Democratic Services / Deputy Monitoring Officer**

Audit Committee – 28 June 2016

GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Purpose:	To update the Audit Committee on the Swansea Governance Review Report
Policy Framework:	The Constitution
Reason for Decision:	To allow the Audit Committee to consider and discuss the Swansea Governance Review Report
Consultation:	Legal, Finance and Access to Services.
Recommendation:	To note the contents of the report
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In December 2014 The Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Peer Review report was published. In May 2015 the Wales Audit Office Corporate Assessment report was published. Both reports looked at Governance issues within the council.
- 1.2 As part of its response to the findings of both the Peer Review and Corporate Assessment the Head of Legal and Democratic Services undertook an overall governance review and Rod Alcott of the WLGA was engaged to act as an external critical friend.
- 1.3 The report prepared by Rod Alcott has been seen by both Executive Board and the Leader and their comments are inserted into the report. A copy of the Report is attached at Annex A.

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications flowing from the associated report beyond the fees payable to Welsh Local Government Association for undertaking the report.

3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

4. EQUALITIES AND ENGAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no equality implications associated with this report.

Appendix A – City and County of Swansea Governance Review

Background Papers:

Peer Review Report December 2014
WAO Corporate Assessment May 2015