

**CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA
MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN
PSIAS PEER REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS 2017/18**

REPORT REF	RECOMMENDATION	CLASS (HR; MR; LR; GP)	AGREED ACTION/ COMMENTS	RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION	IMPLEMENTATION DATE
R1	A risk-based approach in the form of an assurance mapping exercise should be carried out to inform the planning process and identify other sources of assurance.	GP	Agreed. However, due to the timing of the peer review report, we were unable to undertake an assurance mapping exercise to inform the 2018/19 planning process. This exercise will therefore be undertaken when considering the plan for 2019/20.	Chief Audit Executive	31/12/18
R2	The Audit Charter should be updated to reflect the practices in place in respect of collating conflicts of interests from audit staff, at least annually.	GP	Agreed. The Audit Charter for 2018/19 has been updated to reflect this.	Chief Audit Executive	Implemented
R3	The Audit Charter should be updated to reflect the working practices that are in place in respect of managing conflicts of interests identified by staff i.e. they are taken into account when allocating individual workloads to auditors.	GP	Agreed. The Audit Charter for 2018/19 has been updated to reflect this.	Chief Audit Executive	Implemented

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R4	Regular (in line with Council appraisal policy) performance reviews of the Chief Audit Executive and auditors must be carried out in order to assess skills and competencies and identify any training needs.	LR	Agreed. Appraisals will be carried out in line with the Council's appraisal policy as required in order to address any competency issues and to identify any training/development opportunities.	Head of Financial Services & Service Centre, Chief Audit Executive and Principal Auditor.	30/09/18
R5	In order to avoid any perceived lack of independence in the running of the Audit Committee, all secretarial services should be provided by officers from Democratic Services, albeit with the Chief Audit Executive inputting relevant experience, knowledge and advice, and attending to present reports on the Internal Audit function.	LR	Agreed. All secretarial services will be provided by the Democratic Services Team going forward, subject to experience, knowledge and advice being provided by the Chief Audit Executive, who will primarily attend Audit Committee to present relevant reports.	Chief Audit Executive, Democratic Services Manager.	01/04/18

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R6	For the avoidance of any perceived conflicts of interest or lack of independence, responsibility for the preparation of the Annual Governance Statement should lie with an officer outside Internal Audit with overall responsibility for performance, risk and governance.	LR	Agreed. As agreed by the Corporate Management Team on 14/03/18, the Annual Governance Statement will no longer be compiled by the Chief Audit Executive. The Chief Auditors Annual Opinion will continue to form part of the Governance Statement as required.	Senior Officer of the Authority as decided by the Director of Resources and wider CMT.	01/04/18