

## **CENTRAL SOUTH CONSORTIUM JOINT EDUCATION SERVICE**

### **JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT**

**3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

### **2023/24 REGIONAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT (2022/2023 GRANT FUNDING)**

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#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To consider the Internal Audit report issued by the Regional Internal Audit Service to the Central South Consortium during 2023/24.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Review the Regional Internal Audit Report issued during 2022/23 and determine whether there are any matters of governance or an internal control nature that require further action or attention.

#### **3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The Central South Consortium is responsible for putting in place proper arrangements for the governance of its affairs and facilitating the effective exercise of those functions.
- 3.2 One aspect of governance is the system of internal control and the Regional Internal Audit Service undertake audit work each year to independently assess the adequacy of this area from a financial administrative perspective. This work is undertaken in line with the Legal Agreement for the Central South Consortium.
- 3.3 Members will be aware the Central South Consortium is also responsible for undertaking an assessment of its governance arrangements each year, including the system of internal control, the findings from which are set out

in an Annual Governance Statement (AGS). The conclusions from the Regional Internal Audit Service’s work during 2023-24 form part of the AGS for this period (with the AGS being reported to the 20rd May 2024 Joint Committee meeting).

**4. REGIONAL AUDIT REPORT ISSUED IN 2023/24**

4.1 For the 2023/24 financial year, The Regional Internal Audit Service reviewed two grant claims made by Central South Consortium as per the requirements of the respective terms and conditions of the grant. Details of the outcome of the reviews are set out in Table 1 and a copy of the respective reports are included at Appendix 1.

Table 1 – Regional Internal Audit Report Issued in 2023/24

<b>Internal Audit Report Issued</b>	<b>Conclusions</b>	<b>Number of Recommendations Reported</b>	<b>Number of Recommendations Implemented</b>
Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant (RCSIG) claim for 2022/2023  APPENDIX A	Substantial Assurance	0	0
Pupil Development Grant (PDG) claim for 2022/2023  APPENDIX B	Substantial Assurance	0	0

**5. CONCLUSIONS**

5.1 The Regional Internal Audit Service play an important role in providing independent assurance on the systems of internal control operating within the Central South Consortium.

5.2 Based on the work undertaken by the Regional Internal Audit Service during the year, no recommendations for improvement were deemed necessary in respect of the Consortium’s internal control arrangements.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**AS AMENDED BY**

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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**List of background papers**

Freestanding matter

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