

Audit of Accounts Report – Monmouthshire County Council

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Introduction



Adrian Crompton

Auditor General for
Wales

I am pleased to share my Audit of Accounts Report. The Report summarises the main findings from my audit of your 2024-25 annual accounts. My team have already discussed these findings with the Head of Finance and the Deputy Chief Executive & Strategic Director - Resources.

My team have substantially completed the audit work as set out in my Audit Plan dated April 2025. The remaining tasks involve:

- Receipt of, and our review, of the final revised financial statements; and the
- Completion of our internal file review procedures.

Since my Audit Plan, I have updated materiality to reflect the 2024-25 accounts. I have not identified any new audit risks. My response to previously identified risks is set out in **Appendix 1**.

I am required to provide an opinion on whether the accounts have been properly prepared, and give a true and fair view, in all material aspects. My proposed audit opinion and basis for it is outlined on page 9. It is the responsibility of the Governance and Audit Committee to address any matters raised in my report and provide me with a Letter of Representation.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the officers and staff of Monmouthshire County Council for their cooperation throughout the audit process which has been invaluable in completing this audit effectively.

Your audit at a glance



We intend to issue an **unqualified opinion** on the accounts

See [Appendix 4](#)



There is one **other significant matter** to report

See [Audit findings](#)



There are two **uncorrected misstatements** in the accounts which we wish to draw to your attention

See [Audit findings](#)



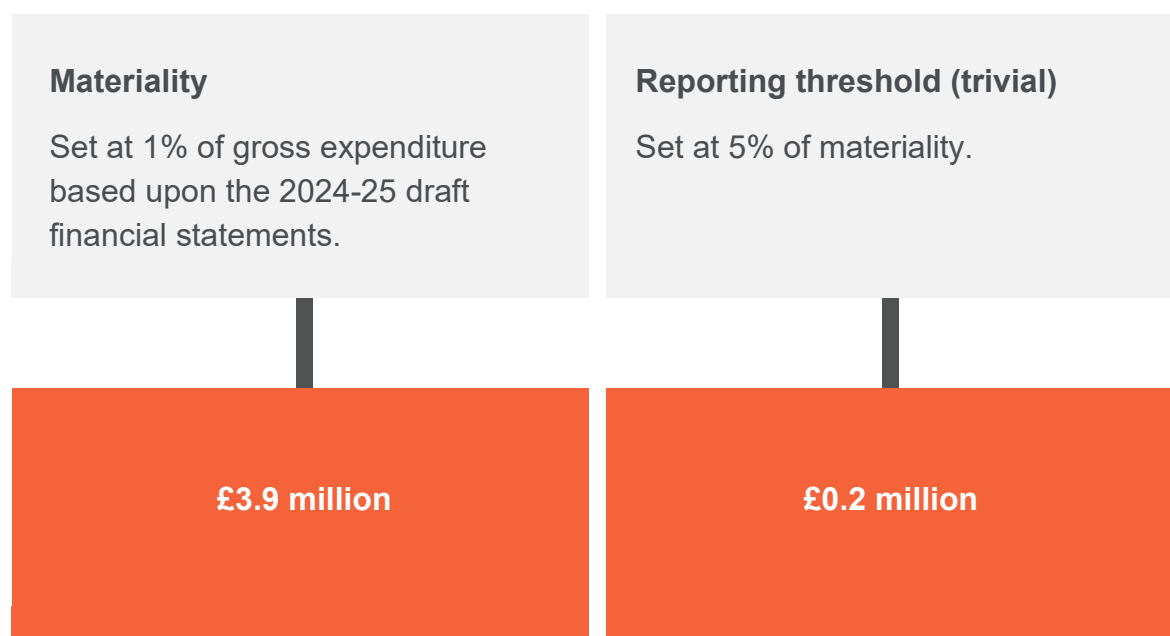
Any **recommendations** arising from our work will be communicated to officers in due course.



We are aiming to certify your accounts on **31 October 2025**, which is in accordance with the agreed certification deadline.

Materiality

I use professional judgement to set a materiality threshold to identify and correct misstatements that could affect users' decisions, considering both financial errors and disclosure requirements according to the applicable accounting framework and laws. My team updates materiality throughout the audit and I include in this report matters that exceed my reporting threshold, as set out below:



There are some areas of the accounts that may be of more importance to the user of the accounts. We confirm lower materiality levels for these:



Audit Findings

Misstatements

A misstatement arises where information in the accounts is not in accordance with accounting standards.

Uncorrected misstatements

We set out below details of two misstatements that we identified in the accounts, which have been discussed with management but remain uncorrected. Neither of these errors have an impact on the Council's closing financial position

If you decide not to correct these misstatements we ask that you provide us with the reasons in writing for not doing so.

Lease (Right of Use) assets are understated by £1.745m and the related liabilities by £1.309m

- Local Government bodies were required to adopt a new accounting standard (IFRS16) for the 2024-25 financial year that significantly changes the accounting treatment required for leased assets. As a result, and as highlighted in our Audit Plan and Appendix 1 of this report, this was identified as a risk as part of our financial audit work at the Council.
- In completing our testing to address this risk we identified that the Council have understated the lease asset value by £1.745m and liability by £1.309m. This error occurred as:
 - A number of leases were incorrectly excluded from the accounts that resulted in both the asset and liability being understated by £627,327;
 - There were errors in some of the lease calculations that resulted in the asset/liability being understated by £681,551;
 - A non-commercial peppercorn lease asset for a car park was understated by £436,187.

Property, Plant and Equipment is overstated by £261,000

Audit testing identified that incorrect valuation rates had been used in the revaluation of some building assets. As a result, the value of “Other land and buildings” in the Balance Sheet, and within Note 12, is overstated by £261,000. The Revaluation Reserve is similarly overstated.

Corrected misstatements

During our audit, we also identified a number of misstatements that have been corrected by management, but which we consider should be drawn to your attention.

These are set out in **Appendix 2**.

Other significant issues

International Standard on Auditing 260 requires us to communicate with those charged with governance. We must tell you significant findings from the audit and other matters if they are significant to your oversight of the Council's financial reporting process.

There is one such issue to raise concerning the consolidation adjustments relating to the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee (SEWCJC):

- When collating its accounts, the Council consolidates its share of income, expenses, assets and liabilities from the SEWCJC
- The Council received the audited SEWCJC 2023-24 accounts and the draft 2024-25 accounts in September 2025.
- The comparative figures have therefore now been amended in the Council's financial statements to reflect the audited 2023-24 SEWCJC accounts and the draft SEWCJC 2024-25 accounts.
- The 2024-25 SEWCJC audit is currently ongoing and is nearing completion and we are satisfied that the amounts consolidated within the Council's accounts, for SEWCJC, are materially correct.

Proposed audit opinion

Audit opinion

We intend to issue an unqualified audit opinion on this year's accounts once you have provided us with a Letter of Representation (see below).

Our proposed audit report is set out in **Appendix 3**.

Letter of representation

A Letter of Representation is a formal letter in which you confirm to us the accuracy and completeness of information provided to us during the audit. Some of this information is required by auditing standards; other information may relate specifically to your audit.

The letter we are requesting you to sign is included in **Appendix 4**.

Recommendations

Any recommendations arising from our audit work will be communicated to the Council within a separate report.

Audit team and ethical compliance

The main members of my team who carried out the audit work, together with their contact details, are summarised in **Exhibit 1**.

Exhibit 1: my local audit team

Engagement Director	Gareth Lucey Gareth.Lucey@audit.wales
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Audit Lead	Julie Owens Julie.Owens@audit.wales
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Compliance with ethical standards

We confirm that:

- we have complied with the ethical standards we are required to follow in carrying out our work;
- we have remained independent of yourselves;
- our objectivity has not been comprised; and
- we have no relationships that could undermine our independence or objectivity.

Appendix 1 – Audit risks and outcomes

My Audit Plan set out the risks of material misstatement for the audit of the Vale of Glamorgan Council's accounts. **Exhibit 2** lists these audit risks and sets out how they were addressed as part of the audit. No additional audit risks have been identified since that need to be brought to your attention.

Exhibit 2: audit risks reported previously, work done and outcome

Audit risk	Work done	Outcome
Risk of management override The risk of management override of controls is present in all entities. Due to the unpredictable way in which such override could occur, it is viewed as a significant risk [ISA 240.32-33].	The audit team: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments made in preparing the financial statements;• reviewed accounting estimates for bias; and• evaluated the rationale for any significant transactions outside the normal course of business.	My audit work did not identify any instances of management override of controls.

Valuation of pension fund net liability

The Local Government Pension scheme (LGPS) pension fund liability, or surplus, as reflected in the financial statements is a material estimate.

The nature of this estimate means that it is subject to a high degree of estimation uncertainty.

There is a risk therefore that the liability is materially misstated.

We have completed our planned audit work, including the:

- assessment of the competence and objectivity of the actuary;
- assessment of the accuracy and completeness of the information provided by the Authority to the actuary to estimate the liability;
- testing of the accuracy of the accounting entries and disclosures; and
- consideration of the reasonableness of the assumptions made by the actuary.

A material error was identified that resulted in the both the pension liability and reserve needing to be increased by £4.935m. See **Appendix 2**.

Valuation of land and buildings

The value of land and buildings reflected in the balance sheet and notes to the accounts are material estimates and are subject to a high degree of subjectivity.

There is a risk that the carrying value of assets recognised in the accounts could be materially different to the current value of assets as at 31 March 2025.

The audit team have:

- evaluated the competence and objectivity of the professional valuer;
- tested a sample of assets revalued in the year; and
- tested the reconciliation between the financial ledger and the asset register.

Our testing of this area was generally satisfactorily although we identified a non-material error concerning some asset valuations - see the 'uncorrected misstatements' section of this report at page 7.

Senior officer remuneration

There have been several new permanent and interim appointments to senior posts during 2024-25.

Given that a lower materiality level is applied to this area, even low value errors in the disclosure could result a material misstatement.

My audit team have:

- identified the movements in the senior management team during 2024-25;
- ensured that remuneration disclosed is consistent with supporting evidence;
- ensured that the amounts paid are consistent with those approved by the Council; and
- ensured that the disclosures are complete.

Our testing of the Remuneration disclosures was generally satisfactory although some issues were identified – please refer to **Appendix 2**.

International Accounting Standard (IFRS) 16 - Leases

Local Government bodies were required to adopt IFRS16 Leases from 1 April 2024.

This significantly changes the accounting treatment and disclosures required for leased assets and means that most leases will result in an asset and liability on balance sheets.

There is a risk that the requirements of the IFRS are not appropriately adopted and as a result the financial statements are materially misstated.

The audit team have:

- reviewed the Council's working papers to ensure that all leases falling within the scope of the Standard have been included;
- tested a sample of calculations to ensure that the assumptions are reasonable, and the calculations have been correctly prepared; and
- confirm that asset and liability values have been correctly accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements.

We identified a misstatement of £1.7m – see the 'uncorrected misstatements' section of this report at page 7. Our audit work also identified some other areas that required amendment in the Council's financial statements – please see **Appendix 2**.

**South East Wales
Corporate Joint
Committee (SEWCJC)
transactions and
balances**

The transactions and balances of SEWCJC need to be recognised in the financial statements of the Council.

The audit team have:

- reviewed the Council's judgement relating to how the SEWCJC will be accounted for and confirmed that this complies with the requirements of the LG Code; and
- reviewed the process of consolidation into the Council's financial statements to confirm that transactions, balances and disclosures are complete and accurate.

The comparative figures have been amended to reflect the audited 2023-24 SEWCJC accounts which were certified in September 2025.

In addition, adjustments have made to a number of 2024-25 transactions and balances to reflect the draft SEWJC 2024-25 accounts which were produced, and therefore only available to the Council, in September 2025. See **Appendix 2**.

**Related party
disclosures**

The financial statements must disclose any related party relationships along with the transactions and balances between the Council and the other body/party.

Where related party relationships arise via individual officer or member relationships, there is likely to be less transparency regarding these relationships. These transactions are of high interest and are therefore considered to be material by their nature.

The audit team have:

- reviewed the Council's process for identifying related party relationships and associated transactions and balances;
- undertaken procedures to confirm the completeness of related party relationships; and
- ensure disclosures are complete, accurate, consistent with evidence and are in accordance with the Local Government Code.

There were some issues arising from our audit work on this area – see **Appendix 2**.

Appendix 2 – Summary of corrections made

During our audit, we identified a number of misstatements that have been corrected by management which we consider should be drawn to your attention.

Only one of the adjustments impacts on the Council's closing position – an income accrual error of £350,000 that will increase the year end reserves of the Council as at 31 March 2025.

Value of correction	Accounts area	Explanation
£4,935,000	Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (CIES), Balance Sheet, Note 14 Post-employment Benefits and Note 10.9 Pension reserve The pension fund liability was understated as unfunded benefits, which are not matched by assets, had not been excluded from the asset restriction adjustment. There was a corresponding increase in the overall liability movement in the CIES.	To correctly disclose the pension fund liability
£3,500,000	CIES and Note 11.2 Income and expenditure of £3,500,000 which was Agency in nature was incorrectly included in the draft accounts.	To ensure accuracy of the financial statements

	<p>The financial statements were corrected to decrease both income expenditure in the CIES and Note 11.2.</p> <p>There is no impact on the Council's General Fund</p>	
£1,189,000	<p>CIES and Note 11.6</p> <p>Grant income of £1,189,000 was misclassified in the draft accounts. This was shown within cost of services income but should have been shown as general grant income within the Taxation and non-service specific grant income line of the CIES.</p>	<p>To ensure the correct classification of grant income within the financial statements.</p>
£1,202,000	<p>CIES and Note 10.10</p> <p>The accumulated absence liability was overstated by £1,202,000. This was adjusted along with a corresponding correction to the Accumulated adjustment account reserve (Note 10.10).</p> <p>There is no impact on the Council's General Fund</p>	<p>To correctly disclose the accumulated absence liability and reserve.</p>
£335,000	<p>Balance Sheet and Note 15.3</p> <p>Testing identified a mis-classification between cash and cash equivalent balances in the Balance Sheet. The current asset was decreased by £335,000 and the current liability decreased by the same amount.</p>	<p>To ensure cash and cash equivalents are correctly classified.</p>

There is no overall effect on the
Balance Sheet

£328,000	<p>CIES and Expenditure and Funding Analysis</p> <p>Due to mis-classifications on the face of the CIES – gross expenditure for Resources should be increased by £328k and Infrastructure and Place decreased by the same amount.</p>	To ensure the correct classification of expenditure within the financial statements.
£350,000	<p>Note 13.5: Debtors</p> <p>Our income cut-off testing identified grant income of £350,000 that had not been accrued correctly in the 2024-25 accounts.</p> <p>Debtors were increased by £350,000 with a corresponding increase in the surplus on provision of services in the CIES by the same amount.</p>	To ensure accuracy of the financial statements.
Various	<p>Note 16: Remuneration disclosures</p> <p>Some adjustments have been made to the disclosures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An additional disclosure was made to Note 16.7 to include the remuneration of the Acting Section 151 officer during 2024-25; • Revisions have been made to the remuneration ratio and employee bandings tables in Notes 16.7 and 16.8; and 	To ensure compliance with the CIPFA Code.

- Other minor changes to the narrative were made for increased clarification.
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Various

Note 16.4: Related Party Transactions

Various narrative disclosure amendments have been made to the note. These mainly relate to additional disclosures relating to the value of transactions with related parties.

To ensure completeness and accuracy of the disclosures and compliance with the CIPFA Code.

£101,000

Note 12: Property, Plant and Equipment

We identified a number of vehicles that had been disposed of in prior years but not removed from the Balance Sheet. As a result the following amendments were made to Note 12:

- Gross book value decreased by £402,000
 - Accumulated depreciation decreased by £301,000
 - Overall decrease in Net Book value £101,000
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£282,000

Note 11.2: Expenditure and income analysed by nature

A classification error of £282,000 within the note was corrected by reducing the

To ensure accuracy of the financial statements.

	‘precepts and levies’ line and increasing ‘other services’ line.	
Various	<p>Note 17.19: IFRS 16 disclosures</p> <p>The IFRS 16 related notes were amended to include the following disclosures that are required by the Code:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the weighted average lessee's incremental borrowing rate applied to lease liabilities at the date of initial application; and • an explanation of any difference between operating lease commitments previously disclosed to those applying the new standard 	To ensure compliance with the CIPFA Code
Various	<p>South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee (SEWCJC) transactions and balances</p> <p>The comparative figures have been amended to reflect the audited 2023-24 SEWCJC accounts which were certified in September 2025.</p> <p>Adjustments have also been made to a number of 2024-25 transactions and balances to reflect the draft SEWJC 2024-25 accounts which were produced, and therefore only available to the Council, in September 2025.</p>	To ensure compliance with the CIPFA Code.
Various	A number of other minor amendments were made to the	To ensure accuracy of the financial statements.

(No overall effect on the primary statements)	financial statements relating to either revisions to disclosures of information, narrative changes or typing errors.
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Appendix 3 – Proposed audit report

The report of the Auditor General for Wales to the members of Monmouthshire County Council

Opinion on financial statements

I have audited the financial statements of Monmouthshire County Council for the year ended 31 March 2025 under the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004.

Monmouthshire County Council's financial statements comprise the Movement in Reserves Statement, the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes, including the material accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK adopted international accounting standards as interpreted and adapted by the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2025.

In my opinion, in all material respects, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of Monmouthshire County Council as at 31 March 2025 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with legislative requirements and UK adopted international accounting standards as interpreted and adapted by the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2025.

Basis of opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing in the UK (ISAs (UK)) and Practice Note 10 'Audit of financial statements and regularity of public sector bodies in the United Kingdom'. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report.

My staff and I are independent of the Council in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the UK including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical

Standard, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, I have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work I have performed, I have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Council's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

My responsibilities and the responsibilities of the responsible financial officer with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and my auditor's report thereon. The Responsible Financial Officer is responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in my report, I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

My responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If I identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, I am required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact.

I have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters

In my opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of my audit:

- the information contained in the Narrative Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and is in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2025;

- The information given in the Annual Governance Statement for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements and is in accordance with guidance.

Matters on which I report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of Monmouthshire County Council and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, I have not identified material misstatements in the Narrative Report [or the Annual Governance Statement](#).

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters, which I report to you, if, in my opinion:

- I have not received all the information and explanations I require for my audit;
- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for my audit have not been received from branches not visited by my team; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

Responsibilities of the responsible financial officer for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts set on page 12, the responsible financial officer is responsible for:

- the preparation of the statement of accounts which give a true and fair view and comply with proper practices;
- maintaining proper accounting records;
- internal controls as the responsible financial officer determines is necessary to enable the preparation of statements of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the responsible financial officer anticipates that the services provided by Monmouthshire County Council will not continue to be provided in the future.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

My responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004.

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. I design procedures in line with my responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

My procedures included the following:

- Enquiring of management, the Council's head of internal audit and those charged with governance, including obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation relating to Monmouthshire County Council's policies and procedures concerned with:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Considering as an audit team how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud. As part of this discussion, I identified potential for fraud in the following areas: revenue recognition, expenditure recognition and posting of unusual journals;
- Obtaining an understanding of Monmouthshire County Council's framework of authority as well as other legal and regulatory frameworks that the Council operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on the operations of the Council; and

- Obtaining an understanding of related party relationships.

In addition to the above, my procedures to respond to identified risks included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations discussed above;
- enquiring of management, the Governance and Audit Committee and legal advisors about actual and potential litigation and claims;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

I also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all audit team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

The extent to which my procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is affected by the inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities, the effectiveness of Monmouthshire County Council's controls, and the nature, timing and extent of the audit procedures performed.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of my auditor's report.

Other auditor's responsibilities

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Certificate of completion of audit

I certify that I have completed the audit of the accounts of Monmouthshire County Council in accordance with the requirements of the Public Audit

(Wales) Act 2004 and the Auditor General for Wales' Code of Audit Practice.

Adrian Crompton

Auditor General for Wales

31 October 2025

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Appendix 4 – Letter of representation

Auditor General for Wales

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30 October 2025

Representations regarding the 2024-25 financial statements

This letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the Monmouthshire County Council for the year ended 31 March 2025 for the purpose of expressing an opinion on their truth and fairness.

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made enquiries as we consider sufficient, we can make the following representations to you.

Management representations

Responsibilities

We have fulfilled our responsibilities for:

- The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with legislative requirements and the CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom UK 2024-25; in particular

the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance therewith.

- The design, implementation, maintenance and review of internal control to prevent and detect fraud and error.

Information provided

We have provided you with:

- Full access to:
 - all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial statements such as books of account and supporting documentation, minutes of meetings and other matters;
 - additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit; and
 - unrestricted access to staff from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- The results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- Our knowledge of fraud or suspected fraud that we are aware of and that affects the Council and involves:
 - management;
 - employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- Our knowledge of any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators or others.
- Our knowledge of all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
- The identity of all related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.

Financial statement representations

- All transactions, assets and liabilities have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.

- The methods, the data and the significant assumptions used in making accounting estimates, and their related disclosures are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement or disclosure that is reasonable in the context of the applicable financial reporting framework.
- Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed.
- All events occurring subsequent to the reporting date which require adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted for or disclosed.
- All known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements have been disclosed to the auditor and accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.
- The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions. The effects of uncorrected misstatements identified during the audit are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. Details upon the uncorrected misstatement are set out below:
 - *Council to include commentary here as to why the uncorrected misstatements have not been corrected.*

Representations by Monmouthshire County Council

We acknowledge that the representations made by management, above, have been discussed with us.

We acknowledge our responsibility for the preparation of true and fair financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. The financial statements were approved by the Council's Governance and Audit Committee on 30 October 2025.

We confirm that we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to you. We confirm that, as far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which you are unaware.

Signed by:

Signed by:

Deputy Chief Executive & Strategic
Director - Resources

Chair of the Governance and
Audit Committee

Date: 30 October 2025

Date: 30 October 2025

Audit quality

Our commitment to audit quality in Audit Wales is absolute. We believe that audit quality is about getting things right first time.

We use a three lines of assurance model to demonstrate how we achieve this. We have established an Audit Quality Committee to co-ordinate and oversee those arrangements. We subject our work to independent scrutiny by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and our Chair of the Board, acts as a link to our Board on audit quality. For more information see our [Audit Quality Report 2024](#).



Our People

- Selection of right team
- Use of specialists
- Supervisions and review



Arrangements for achieving audit quality

Selection of right team

- Audit platform
- Ethics
- Guidance
- Culture
- Learning and development
- Leadership
- Technical support



Independent assurance

- EQRs
- Themed reviews
- Cold reviews
- Root cause analysis
- Peer review
- Audit Quality Committee
- External monitoring

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