

<b>MEETING</b>	AUDIT COMMITTEE
<b>DATE</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
<b>TITLE</b>	Hafan Pwllheli
<b>PURPOSE</b>	Provide an update on programmed work
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	To receive and note the contents of the report
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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 During its meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 the Audit Committee considered the second quarter review of the revenue budget for 2016/7. A discussion was held on Hafan Pwllheli and decided to ask the Economy and Community Department (with support from the Finance Department) to present information to the Committee on Hafan Pwllheli.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to offer an update on work which has already been programmed by the Department.

## **2. CURRENT SITUATION**

- 2.1 Hafan Pwllheli was developed in the early 1990s by Dwyfor District Council and transferred to Gwynedd Council following local government reorganisation in 1996. It was developed with European funding, and by now offers 410 pontoon berths, offices, changing rooms, showers, toilets, safe area for boat storage, 50 tonne crane, boat transfer and parking provision.
- 2.2 Since its construction, the Hafan has evolved into one of the best sailing destinations in Britain, and takes advantage of the outstanding sailing waters in Tremadog Bay. However, over recent years a number of challenges have become evident which could undermine the success of the Hafan.
- 2.3 The Economy and Community Department has already identified the need to carry out a comprehensive review of the Hafan, and to consider and assess different management models for its future. At present, Hafan Pwllheli is managed directly by Gwynedd Council, and the review is intended to consider a wide range of management and governance structures.

- 2.4 It is also evident that marinas are influenced by external factors which will also be considered. Such factors include changes in the economic climate, changes in the physical environment, as well as changes within maritime sectors and markets.
- 2.5 The work to review Hafan Pwllheli has been identified as one of the priorities for the Economy and Community Department during the 2017/8 period. The Department will also identify the work as a possible matter to be considered by the relevant Scrutiny Committee following the establishment of the new Council in May. Of course, it would be possible to present further details to the Audit Committee later in the year should the Committee wish.

### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 Based on the above, the Audit Committee is recommended to
- i) To receive and the contents of the report
  - ii) Support the Economy and Community Department's intention to carry out a review of the management and governance arrangements for Hafan Pwllheli, and the proposed timescale for doing so.