

ISSUES ARISING REPORT FOR
Valley Community Council
Audit for the year ended 31 March 2018

Introduction

The following matters have been raised to draw items to the attention of Valley Community Council. These matters came to the attention of BDO LLP during the audit of the annual return for the year ended 31 March 2018.

The audit of the annual return may not disclose all shortcomings of the systems as some matters may not have come to the attention of the auditor. For this reason, the matters raised may not be the only ones that exist.

The matters listed below are explained in further detail on the page(s) that follow;

- Expenditure powers - S137 power incorrectly used

The following issue(s) have been raised to assist the body. The body is recommended to take action on the following issue(s) to ensure that the body acts within its statutory and regulatory framework.

Expenditure powers - S137 power incorrectly used

What is the issue?

A payment was made regarding the provision of information that could have been authorised under S142 of the Local Government Act 1972, power to provide information to the general public in their area.

Payments were made to one or more of the following: a local social, sports or youth club(s) which could have been authorised under S19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, power to provide recreational facilities within and outside of the area.

Why has this issue been raised?

The council incorrectly recorded items as Section 137 payments when other statutory powers existed. A payment cannot be recorded under S137 if another statutory powers exists.

What do we recommend you do?

The council must ensure in future years that it reviews the list of statutory powers available to council to establish if a power exists before relying on S137 to authorise a payment. The statutory power being used to authorise expenditure should be recorded alongside the item to demonstrate the council has properly followed its standing orders and financial regulations.

Further guidance on this matter can be obtained from the following source(s):

Governance and Accountability in Local Councils in Wales - A Practitioners' Guide, OVW/SLCC
One Voice Wales representative, One Voice Wales website - (www.onevoicewales.org.uk)
Audit Briefing, Spring 2010, BDO

No other matters came to our attention.

For and on behalf of
BDO LLP

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