

Dear Councillor Powell

Further to my colleague Matthew Brushett's email to you of 31 July 2014, I am now in a position to respond to your request of 29 July 2014. My answer to each of your questions is set out in bold type below each of your questions:

1. *What advice has the Auditor given to RCTCBC in regard to how it has been expending public money and financial resources to deliver services since May 2010?*

It is not the role of the auditor to provide advice, although the conclusions of his work are set out in Annual Audit Letters (that form part of the Annual Improvement Reports) available on the Wales Audit Office website.

2. *Has the Auditor, at any time, pointed out that the Leisure Services should have been running its sports centres in a manner that would have been under constant monitoring of where there was an over supply of facilities since May 2010?*

We do not hold information that meets this description.

3. *Has the Auditor, at any time, pointed out that there have been any areas of RCTCBCs expenditure where there has been a supply of services over that necessary or prudent since May 2010?*

We do not hold information that meets this description.

4. *Has the Auditor seen any high numbers of staff being taken on by RCTCBC since May 2010?*

The Auditor General for Wales holds some information regarding the total number of employees at the Council, but the wording of your question seems to imply that you want to know whether the auditor has arrived at a judgement of whether the number of staff being taken on since May 2010 is high, and we do not hold a record of such a judgement.

5. *Is the Auditor content in that RCTCBC is incapable of splitting costs between dry and wet use where sports centres have attached swimming pools?*

This isn't a request for recorded information, but I can confirm that we have not looked at this area of activity.

6. *Does the Auditor believe that RCTCBC is getting value for money for the number of agency staff it has employed since May 2010?*

This also isn't a request for recorded information, but I can again confirm that we have not looked at this area of activity.

If you have any queries, or questions about my handling of your request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Ian Phillips