

Auditor General's report and audit opinion

I certify that I have completed the audit of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2024 of **Gwent Archives Joint Committee**. My audit has been conducted on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales and in accordance with the requirements of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 (the 2004 Act) and guidance issued by the Auditor General for Wales.

Audit opinion: Unqualified

On the basis of my audit, in my opinion no matters have come to my attention to give cause for concern that, in any material respect, the information reported in this Annual Return:

- has not been prepared in accordance with proper practices;
- that relevant legislative and regulatory requirements have not been met;
- is not consistent with the Council's governance arrangements; and
- that the Council does not have proper arrangements in place to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

Other matters and recommendations


I draw the Committee's attention to the following matters and recommendations which do not affect my audit opinion but should be addressed by the Committee:

Approval by the Committee section is incomplete

During the audit it was noted that the minute ref at which the Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement were approved by the Committee was not disclosed. This was merely an administrative omission as the minutes have been viewed where approval was given.

We recommend that the Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement is fully complete in future years.

There are no further matters I wish to draw to the Committee's attention.

 Richard Harries, Audit Director, Audit Wales For and on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales	Date: 01/04/2025
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