

MEETING	Audit and Governance Committee
DATE	15 July 2021
TITLE	Review of Ffordd Gwynedd
PURPOSE OF THE REPORT	Inform Members of the District Auditor's conclusions and report on proposed next steps
AUTHOR	Councillor Nia Wyn Jeffreys
ACTION	To accept the report and support the next steps recommended.

1. INTRODUCTION

As a result of the Wales Audit Office undertaking a review of the Wellbeing of Future Generations in adult social care within the Council in 2019, the Council agreed with the District Auditor that it would be beneficial to undertake a follow-up review of the progress of Ffordd Gwynedd across all of our Services.

The Auditor's conclusions are primarily based on interviews conducted during October 2020 with each Head of Department and the Corporate Director as well as the information gathered in various audits and reviews over the previous five years.

The letter received from the Wales Audit Office, summarising the Auditor's main conclusions, can be seen in Appendix 1.

The Council's Management Team (Chief Executive, Corporate Director and 10 Heads of Department) has considered the conclusions and agreed an initial programme of work that addresses and responds to a number of those conclusions.

One of the first steps that the Chief Executive himself is keen to lead on is to undertake a self-assessment review in each Department, which will identify how and to what extent the principles of the "Ffordd Gwynedd" way of working are embedded across the Council. This intention is in line with the wish of the members of this Committee to form a "Task and Finish Group" in order to review the progress achieved in the name of Ffordd Gwynedd in the Council.

At the Scrutiny Working Group meeting held with members of this Committee on the 4th of May this year, it was agreed to schedule the work of the Task and Finish Group during the Autumn of this year. The Chief Executive has proposed that he works with members of the Task and Finish Group, and other officials, to produce a brief for the Review and then to consider the conclusions and make recommendations as a result.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Task and Finish Group be established, from amongst members of this Committee, to work with the Chief Executive to undertake a review of how and to what extent the principles of the "Ffordd Gwynedd" way of working are embedded across the Council.