

COMMITTEE	GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
DATE	10 OCTOBER 2024
TITLE	IMPELEMENTING THE DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE
PURPOSE OF REPORT	TO PRESENT AN UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTING THE COMMITTEE'S PREVIOUS DECISIONS
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ACTION	FOR INFORMATION

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to outline how Council departments have responded to the decisions of the Governance and Audit Committee, so that members can receive assurance that their decisions are being addressed.
- 1.2 This contributes to reassuring members that the Council's governance is operating effectively.
- 1.3 This item is an opportunity for all members of the Governance and Audit Committee to consider the decisions made. Where the action has been completed, or where further action was not necessary, the line is removed from the table after the Committee has considered the matter.

2. DECISIONS SINCE ESTABLISHING THE NEW COUNCIL (MAY 2022)

Meeting of 9 February 2023

Item	Decision	Update
UPDATE ON THE REPORTS RECENTLY PUBLISHED BY AUDIT WALES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To accept the report and the managers' response to the recommendations in 'Arrangements for Responding to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021' • To present a report in six months' time to update the Committee with regard to transferring the functions of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board to an empowered sub-committee of the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee, to streamline governance and avoid duplication between both bodies • To accept the report and the managers' response to the recommendations in 'Update on Decarbonisation Progress' 	<p>In respect of transferring the functions of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board to an empowered sub-committee of the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee, the project is progressing at a regional level. The target date of transfer is now 1 November 2024.</p>

Meeting of 25 May 2023

Item	Decision	Update
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HEAD OF INTERNAL AUDIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the report in accordance with the requirements of the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards for the 2022/23 financial year. To re-establish the Controls Improvement Working Group. 	The Controls Improvement Working Group will be established when areas are identified.

Meeting of 5 September 2024

Item	Decision	Update
IMPLEMENTING THE DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL	<p>To accept the contents of the report.</p> <p>Note: Add to the decision notice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That an information session on the field of homelessness needs to be held for Committee members to better understand the field and to understand the reasons why costs in the field are so high. The Committee's desire to receive Ffordd Gwynedd training. 	Work is currently ongoing to identify and devise information sessions with the intention of holding them during autumn 2024.
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS	<p>To accept the report.</p> <p>To approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revenue Income and Expenditure Account 2023/24. Annual Return for the Year ending 31 March 2024, subject to audit by Audit Wales 	No further action
CYNGOR GWYNEDD'S ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR 2023/24	<p>To accept the report.</p> <p>To approve the Annual Governance Statement and recommend that it is signed by the Council Leader and Chief Executive.</p> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to re-consider the Lawfulness likelihood score. Need to consider reviewing the questions and adapting the document to be clear to Gwynedd residents - although compliant with CIPFA guidelines, a suggestion to consider combining with the assessment of governance arrangements which is included in Gwynedd Council's Self-Assessment to avoid duplication of work 	<p>The Lawfulness score has been considered by the Governance Group (including the Monitoring Officer) and has concluded that the current score is appropriate.</p> <p>The format of the document will be considered when preparing the 2025 Statement.</p>
TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2023/24	To accept the report for information.	No further action
AUDIT WALES – QUARTER 1 UPDATE	<p>To accept the report.</p> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance Audit Work of 'Local Project – Waste and Recycling' – need to press on confirming timetable. 	It is anticipated that confirmation if the work goes ahead or not will be included in the Quarter 2 update.

<p>AUDIT WALES – CYNGOR GWYNEDD'S ANNUAL AUDIT SUMMARY 2023 AND DETAILED AUDIT PLAN 2024</p>	<p>To accept the 2023 Summary and to accept the Detailed Plan.</p>	<p>No further action</p>
<p>REPORT ON THE INSPECTION OF GWYNEDD AND YNYS MON YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE</p>	<p>To accept the report on the outcome and recommendations of the inspection. Congratulate the Service on the results of the inspection.</p>	<p>No further action</p>
<p>CYNGOR GWYNEDD ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AND SELF- ASSESSMENT (draft) 2023/24</p>	<p>To accept the Annual Performance Report and Self-assessment (draft) 2023/24. Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to consider appropriate consultation arrangements for the future to ensure Gwynedd residents' input in the process. • Need to involve the Committee earlier in the process – a suggestion to hold a workshop with Members so that the Committee has input and a better opportunity to offer recommendations. • When presenting data – need to ensure a full explanation e.g., avoiding linguistic categories in secondary schools. • Increasing Housing Supply for Local People - need to highlight the impact and not numbers only. <p>Gwynedd Yfory Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modernisation of Buildings and Learning Environment – to add that a RAC inspection had been undertaken. • Promoting the Well-being of Children and Young People – to add that schemes / campaigns are in place by the Education Department to improve pupil attendance. • Extending Opportunities for Play and Socialising – to add that additional financial support has been provided by the Council to Byw'n Iach Centres – this has been a positive decision. 	<p>1. There is an intention to take part in the National Resident Survey co-ordinated by Data Wales and the Welsh Local Government Association early in 2025. Any feedback will be presented in future self-assessments.</p> <p>2. Work is ongoing to identify the best way to obtain input from the Committee earlier in the process.</p> <p>3. The draft version submitted to the Governance and Audit Committee has been updated before presenting to the Cabinet and the Full Council.</p> <p>4. This will happen verbally when submitting the report to the Cabinet and the Full Council.</p>

<p>THE COMMITTEE'S FORWARD PROGRAMME</p>	<p>To accept the Work Programme for September 2024 - September 2025.</p> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider when it would be suitable to review the Committee's Self-Assessment Work Programme 	<p>An item has been included in the forward programme which is a separate item on the Committee agenda, to be discussed at the meeting of 15 January 2025.</p>
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3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Governance and Audit Committee is asked to consider the contents of the tables above and to offer comments.