

COMMITTEE	GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
DATE	9 OCTOBER 2025
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 Government 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 5 September 2024

Item	Decision	Update
IMPLEMENTING THE DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL	To accept the contents of the report. Note: Add to the decision notice: <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. 	1. No sessions have been arranged yet – Session content to be confirmed for the Housing and Property Department's officers to prepare accordingly.
CYNGOR GWYNEDD ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AND SELF-ASSESSMENT (draft) 2023/24	To accept the Annual Performance Report and Self-assessment (draft) 2023/24. Note: <ol 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. Gwynedd Yfory Projects	This is a separate item on the agenda of this committee on 9 October 2025.

	<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. 	
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Meeting of 10 October 2024

Item	Decision	Update
AUDIT WALES: URGENT AND EMERGENCY CARE: 'FLOW OUT OF HOSPITAL - NORTH WALES REGION'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To accept the contents of the report. • Submit an update on the recommendations in 12 months' time. 	A timely update is expected.

Meeting 28 November 2024

Item	Decision	Update
COMPLAINTS AND SERVICE IMPROVEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To accept the report • To accept the proposal of the Head of Corporate Services to submit a further report which would set a context for service improvement policies and arrangements 	The report was presented by the Head of Corporate Services at the September 2025 meeting – No further action

Meeting 16 January 2025

AUDIT WALES REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To accept the National and Local report • To accept the Council's response to the recommendations <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the receipt of CIPFA support and guidance, the response Work Programme to be submitted to the Committee by March 2026 • Performance Reports to be submitted to Scrutiny Committees to demonstrate that the statutory requirements are being addressed • To correct the translations of place names in the reports 	<p>These action points are expected to be completed as planned.</p> <p>Regarding the CIPFA report – The draft report has been received from CIPFA and is in the process of being finalised which will be reflected in an adjusted action plan/timetable.</p>
THE COMMITTEE'S FORWARD PROGRAMME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To accept the Work Programme for February 2025 – January 2026 <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Development Programme • Internal Audit Forward Programme • Audit Priorities – follow-up to recommendations • The need for a conversation between the relevant departments to discuss the future impact of rejecting affordable housing schemes on Gwynedd schools 	<p>At the informal meeting of the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee on 17 July 2025, the 'Education Strategy' item was prioritised for the 2025/26 work programme. The Committee will consider the demographic challenges facing schools.</p>

Meeting 6 February 2025

SPECIAL AUDIT REPORT - HOME CARE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To accept and note the progress on the findings of the Internal Audit review of the Council's Home Care arrangements • The thorough Work Programme that was in place to improve the provision was welcomed. • Further updates would be required in 12 months on the progress and the success of the work programme. 	<p>The relevant action point is expected to be completed as planned.</p>
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Meeting 22 May 2025

CYNGOR GWYNEDD SELF-ASSESSMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To accept a draft report of the 2024/25 CYNGOR GWYNEDD SELF-ASSESSMENT <p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penrhos Scheme - emphasis required on the development of care services in Penrhos and not just housing • Flood Strategy - consideration to the A499 highway • Article 4 Impacts • Future of the ARFOR Scheme - ensuring continuation to the Scheme • Safeguarding Arrangements in Schools - further attention required 	This is a separate item on the agenda of this committee on 9 October 2025.
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Meeting 11 September 2025

CYNGOR GWYNEDD'S ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR 2024/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To accept the (draft) Annual Governance Statement • To accept the (draft) Annual Governance Statement Action Plan. • To approve the Statement, and recommend that the Council Leader and Chief Executive sign it. <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend the current Finance risk score from 20 to 15 in the Welsh version of the report, point 4.2 • The context of the 'culture' risk refers to the fundamental principles of Ffordd Gwynedd • Request for further information to ensure that arrangements are in place to improve services • Request for the Council Tax Collection Rates report to highlight the housing premium 	<p>The governance risk scores will be reviewed regularly and reported to the Committee. This will include information about developments within the departments.</p> <p>The report on Council Tax Collection Rates on the committee's forward programme is due to be presented to the Committee on 13 November.</p>
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2024/25 (SUBJECT TO AUDIT))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To accept and note the Council's Statement of Accounts (subject to audit) for 2024/25. <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request more information about the FMG Morgan Trust Fund 	See Appendix A – The response provided to this request.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE 2024/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the report and approve the Annual Report <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Setting. Remove bullet point 28 prior to the submission of the final report to the Full Council, 2 October 2025 	The report was presented to the full Council on 2 October 2025. No Further Action.
TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2024/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the report 	No Further Action.
AUDIT WALES REPORTS - Q1 UPDATE AND REPORT ON STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT OF BALANCES AND RESERVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the Audit Wales Work Programme Quarter 1 To accept the Wales Report – Strategic Management of Balances and Reserves 	No Further Action.
COMPLAINTS AND SERVICE IMPROVEMENT ANNUAL REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the report and note the information <p>Note: Check whether social housing complaints are part of the complaints process</p>	Following the enquiry regarding Social Housing complaints, a response was provided to the member confirming that complaints relating to housing options, waiting lists, homelessness or enforcement in relation to landlords need to be submitted in accordance with the Council's complaints policy. For tenants who are already housed, complaints would normally be submitted or referred to the relevant housing association. For complaints relating to both the housing association and the Council, the two bodies will discuss to decide who will be responsible for leading the investigation/responding to the complaint.
REVIEW OF THE DELEGATION SCHEME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the report supporting proposed amendments to the Officers' Scheme of Delegation relating to the acquisition and disposal of land and recommends that the Full Council approve the amendments. 	The item is on the Full Council's agenda for 2 October 2025
THE COMMITTEE'S FORWARD PROGRAMME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the work programme for October 2025 – September 2026 	No Further Action.

3. RECOMMENDATION

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

APPENDIX A

Response to the request for more information on the FMG Morgan Trust Fund

“The FMG Morgan Trust Fund consists of 4 separate charities which are registered with the Charity Commission. The information which appears in the charities’ governing documents (as seen on the Charity Commission website) is as follows:

THE FLORENCE M GUEST MORGAN BEQUEST (ICW BOTTWNOG COUNTY SECONDARY SCHOOL)

Charity number: 525284

Charitable objects

TO MAKE GRANTS TOWARDS THE TRAVELLING EXPENSES, CLOTHING, AND THE PROVISION OF FREE MEALS FOR ANY POOR AND DESERVING CHILD OR CHILDREN FROM THE PARISH OF LLANENGAN ATTENDING BOTTWNOG COUNTY SECONDARY SCHOOL.

Area of benefit

PARISH OF LLANENGAN

THE MORGAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Charity number: 525297

Charitable objects

SCHOLARSHIP OR GRANTS, TENABLE AT ANY UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, TRAINING COLLEGE FOR TEACHERS, OR OTHER INSTITUTION OF FURTHER (INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL) EDUCATION. PREFERENCE SHALL BE GIVEN TO BENEFICIARIES WHO ARE, OR ARE ABOUT TO BECOME UNDERGRADUATES AT THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF NORTH WALES, BANGOR. ANY RESIDUE REMAINING FROM THE NET YEARLY INCOME MAY BE EXPENDED IN PROVIDING BURSARIES OR MAINTENANCE, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, ETC. BENEFICIARIES ARE PERSONS OF EITHER SEX BORN OR RESIDENT IN THE BENEFICIAL AREA WHO HAVE NOT ATTAINED THE AGE OF 25 YEARS, AND WHO ARE, IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE.

Area of benefit

PARISH OF LLANENGAN

MORGAN FOR THE CARE OF THE SERIOUSLY ILL

Charity number: 244683

Charitable objects

IS THE RELIEF OF PERSONS RESIDENT IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT SUFFERING FROM ANY SERIOUS, TERMINAL OR LONG TERM ILLNESS AND / OR THEIR DEPENDANTS WHO MAY BE DESERVING OF ASSISTANCE, WITH PARTICULAR PREFERENCE BEING GIVEN TO THOSE SUFFERING FROM TUBERCULOSIS. 2) THE TRUSTEES MAY RELIEVE THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE BY: A) MAKING GRANTS OF MONEY TO THEM; OR B) PROVIDING OR PAYING FOR GOODS, SERVICES OR FACILITIES FOR THEM; OR C) MAKING GRANTS OF MONEY TO OTHER PERSONS OR BODIES WHO PROVIDE GOODS, SERVICES OR FACILITIES TO THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE.

Area of benefit

BOROUGH OF PWLLHELI LLEYN RURAL DISTRICT

MORGAN FOR CHILD WELFARE AND CARE OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Charity number: 244682

Charitable objects

THE PROMOTION, DEVELOPMENT AND ASSISTANCE OF THE WORK OF CHILD WELFARE AND THE CARE OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS AMONG THE POOR IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT.

Area of benefit

DISTRICT OF LLEYN RURAL DISTRICT & THE BOROUGH OF PWLLHELI

As can be seen, the charitable objectives and geographical areas of benefit for the trust fund are relatively narrow, as explained to the Governance and Audit Committee.

There was higher demand on the Child Welfare and Expectant Mothers element of the trust fund during the Covid pandemic and up to 2023/24. Payments are contingent on receipt of an application, and the number of 2024/25 applications had halved compared to 2023/24, and is now back to pre-Covid levels. This is the main reason for the decrease between the two years.”