

COMMITTEE	<b>GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE</b>
DATE	<b>3 FEBRUARY 2026</b>
TITLE	<b>IMPLEMENTING THE DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE</b>
PURPOSE OF REPORT	<b>TO PRESENT AN UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTING THE COMMITTEE'S PREVIOUS DECISIONS</b>
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ACTION	<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>

## **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**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Update</b>
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"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<b>Following a brief discussion during the January Committee this item has been replaced – see relevant part of this report below – Audit Wales Report – Temporary Accommodation.</b>

### **Meeting of 10 October 2024**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Update</b>
AUDIT WALES: URGENT AND EMERGENCY CARE: 'FLOW OUT OF HOSPITAL - NORTH WALES REGION'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To accept the contents of the report.</li> <li>• Submit an update on the recommendations in 12 months' time.</li> </ul>	<b>An item is scheduled to be presented during the May 2026 committee meeting.</b>

## Meeting 16 January 2025

<b>AUDIT WALES REPORTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To accept the National and Local report</li> <li>• To accept the Council's response to the recommendations</li> </ul> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following the receipt of CIPFA support and guidance, the response Work Programme to be submitted to the Committee by March 2026</li> <li>• Performance Reports to be submitted to Scrutiny Committees to demonstrate that the statutory requirements are being addressed</li> <li>• To correct the translations of place names in the reports</li> </ul>	<b>These action points are expected to be completed in line with the adjusted action plan following the completion of the CIPFA report.</b>
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## Meeting 6 February 2025

<b>SPECIAL AUDIT REPORT - HOME CARE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To accept and note the progress on the findings of the Internal Audit review of the Council's Home Care arrangements</li> <li>• The thorough Work Programme that was in place to improve the provision was welcomed.</li> <li>• Further updates would be required in 12 months on the progress and the success of the work programme.</li> </ul>	<b>The relevant action point is expected to be completed as planned.</b>
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## Meeting 9 October 2025

<b>RECOMMENDATIONS AND IMPROVEMENT PROPOSALS OF EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To accept the report</li> </ul> <p>Note: To accept the 'Flow Out of Hospital' Investigation progress report, Spring 2026</p>	<b>An item is scheduled to be presented during the May 2026 committee meeting.</b>
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## Meeting 15 January 2026

<b>IMPLEMENTING THE DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To accept the contents of the report</li> </ul> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive an update on the 5/9/24 items (hold an information session on homelessness) and 10/10/24 (update on Emergency Care Audit recommendations: Flow Out of Hospital) by the next meeting</li> </ul>	<b>A report by Audit Wales is relevant to this action point and is a separate item on this meeting's agenda.</b>
<b>RESPONSE PLAN TO THE OUR BRAVERY BROUGHT JUSTICE REPORT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To accept the details of the response plan</li> <li>• To thank the Officers for their work and welcome that the Response Plan is being discussed in several forums</li> <li>• That a simple and definite summary/front page of the main action points is required</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That the Committee receives regular updates on the actions that have been taken or are being considered to be an appropriate and suitable response to the situation</li> <li>Request by the Committee for Estyn to acknowledge the weaknesses of their report on the Council's safeguarding arrangements, June 2023</li> <li>That the Whistleblowing Arrangements and Safeguarding Arrangements need to be among the best <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>would welcome revisions to these policies</li> <li>updates on the work, the timetable and manner in which they are being adopted will be required</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Note:</p> <p>Request to review the last paragraph of point 2.5 of the Response Plan: 'Investigation into the events of 2019 that have been the subject of press coverage' – more context is needed about the independent investigation that was completed and what reason was for the decision not to share the report/findings. Request to set the context for Estyn's commendation of the Council's safeguarding arrangements (June 2023). The wording as it is, is inappropriate given the failures that later emerged.</p>	<p><b>The report will be considered by the Full Council on 5 February.</b></p>
<p>REVENUE BUDGET 2025/26 – END OF NOVEMBER 2025 REVIEW</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To accept the end of November 2025 report and review of the Revenue Budget</li> <li>To note the latest financial position regarding the budgets of each department/service.</li> </ul>	<p><b>No Further Action</b></p>
<p>CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025/26 – END OF NOVEMBER 2025 REVIEW</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To accept the report and agree the recommendations for the Cabinet to consider</li> </ul>	<p><b>No Further Action</b></p>
<p>SAVINGS OVERVIEW: PROGRESS REPORT ON REALISING SAVINGS SCHEMES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To accept the report</li> <li>To note the progress, position and relevant risks in the context of the Savings Overview</li> </ul> <p>Note/Recommendation Offer targeted support on schemes that Departments are unable to realise</p>	<p><b>This will be under an ongoing review</b></p>

<p><b>COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION POLICY UNDER SECTION 13A(1)(C) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1992</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To accept the report setting out the situation and the relevant risks</li> <li>• To welcome the Cabinet's decision to approve the Policy</li> <li>• To welcome that the Policy is under ongoing review and can be adapted as any legislative changes or changes in circumstances are introduced.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note / Suggestion</b>      Rework paragraph 3.3 appendix 2 – Equality Impact Assessment to reinforce the statement      Add sustainable tourism as a priority area to paragraph 4.5, Cabinet Report</p>	<p><b>These points will be considered when reviewing the Policy</b></p>
<p><b>AUDIT WALES REPORTS – TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION, LONG-TERM CRISIS?</b></p>	<p>Postponed until the meeting on 3 February 2026</p>	<p><b>Item will be presented as part of this meeting's agenda.</b></p>
<p><b>THE COMMITTEE'S FORWARD PROGRAMME</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To accept the work programme until February 2027</li> </ul>	<p><b>No Further Action</b></p>

### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

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