

COMMITTEE	GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
DATE	18 JANUARY 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 17 November 2022

Item	Decision	Update
COMPLAINTS AND SERVICE IMPROVEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To accept that the Council's arrangements and performance in relation to dealing with complaints and service improvements are extremely effective. • That the report, in future, will be submitted to the Governance and Audit Committee prior to the Cabinet. <p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To include an observation on the positive impact that complaints can have on the Council's performance. • To include a summary of the main fields / developmental fields that receive complaints • Categorise or set out a wider context for the departments that receive the majority of the complaints, in order to understand the circumstances • The Chair to revisit the Committee's responsibilities - should there be an overview of 'all Council departments' (including Care Services and Education that have their own statutory arrangements)? 	The latest Annual Report for 2022/23 was presented to the Governance and Audit Committee on 7 September 2023 and to the Cabinet on 19 September 2023.

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 1 April 2024. An update is expected at the February 2024 Committee.</p>

Meeting of 25 May 2023

Item	Decision	Update
OUTPUT OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT SECTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the report. To support the actions that have already been agreed with the relevant services. To refer the 3 limited fields to the Improvement Working Group. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Planning – Communication Arrangements Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Measures Smallholdings 	<p>Due to long-term sickness absence in the Internal Audit Service, the Controls Improvement Working Group has not yet met.</p>
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. 	<p>See above regarding the Controls Improvement Working Group</p>

Meeting of 14 December 2023

Item	Decision	Update
IMPLEMENTING THE DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE	To accept the report. Note: Present to the meeting on 8 February 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance Statement (mid-year report) Submit an update 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 be presented at the February 2024 Committee.
AUDIT WALES REPORTS	To accept the reports and note the information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Strategy Review - to approve Cyngor Gwynedd's response to the recommendations of Audit Wales 	No further action.
INTERNAL AUDIT OUTPUT (1 October 2023 – 30 November 2023)	To accept the report and support the agreed actions that have already been submitted to the managers of the relevant services.	No further action.
INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN	To accept the report and note progress against the 2023/24 Audit Plan	No further action.
SELF-ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE	To accept the report and resolve to undertake a face-to-face effectiveness self-assessment before May 2024	No further action.
TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2023-24 MID YEAR REVIEW	To accept the report for information.	No further action.
CYNGOR GWYNEDD – AUDIT WALES DETAILED PLAN 2023	To accept the report for information.	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.