

**MEETING: GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**DATE: 6 FEBRUARY 2024**

**TITLE: SAVINGS AND CUTS 2025/26**

**PURPOSE: Present information on the process of identifying the Savings and Cuts Plan 2025/26 as a contribution towards the Council's Financial gap**

**ACTION: To scrutinise the information before the Cabinet considers approving the Savings Plan in its meeting on February 11th.**

**CABINET MEMBER: COUNCILLOR NIA JEFFREYS**

**OFFICER: DAFYDD GIBBARD, CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

- 1.** At its meeting on 11 February the Cabinet will consider the enclosed report in order to reach a conclusion whether the Savings Plan is reasonable as one contribution towards the financial gap we face in 2025/26.
- 2.** The Governance and Audit Committee is asked to consider the appropriateness of the process of identifying the savings, and submit comments for the Cabinet to consider before reaching a decision.
- 3.** The Committee's role is not to express an opinion on what the size of the savings should be or what is being presented as a saving, but to ensure that the Cabinet and the Council are clear of the facts that are being presented to them, so that the decision that is taken is based on robust information.
- 4.** In brief, the Governance and Scrutiny Committee is expected to satisfy itself that the information presented in this report is sufficient to enable the Cabinet to make a decision on the Savings Plan as a whole.

5. For example

- Is the Committee satisfied that the process of identifying the savings set out in Appendix A is reasonable?
- Is the Committee satisfied that reasonable steps, under very challenging circumstances, have been taken to draw up the Savings Plan?
- Is it possible to be assured that the savings offered are reasonable and achievable or does the report deal with assumptions in a sensible way?
- Is the report clear about the implications of the decision sought?
- Are the risks clear?

**Appenices:**

Savings Plan 2025/26 (Cabinet Report - 11/02/2025)