

Appendix 1 - JULY 2026

Recommendations and Improvement Proposals of External Audit Reports

Following the decision of this committee in January 2025, when an external report is published, an "institutional response" will come to this Committee, and then the relevant department will be given up to 12 months to carry out any necessary actions, before reporting back to this Committee that they have been carried out.

This will ensure that we respond promptly to external recommendations, and avoid a situation, as has been the case in the past, where constant updates on our response are provided to this Committee over many years.

In addition, an additional phase has been introduced where the Performance Challenge and Support process will check that departments are acting on what was outlined in the "institutional response" and ensure that any necessary actions are completed within the 12 months.

Below are the reports that have been published since January 2025, along with the dates by which Departments are expected to report back to this committee.

TABLE 1 - recommendations due for completion by the date of this meeting.

Report title	Author	Institutional response to this committee	Completed / completion date
Financial Sustainability Review – Cyngor Gwynedd (item 9) Agenda for Governance and Audit Committee on Thursday, 16th January, 2025, 10.00 am	Audit Wales	16 January 2025 Appendix 3.pdf	COMPLETED (January 2026)
Review of Domiciliary Care - Cyngor Gwynedd (item 18) Agenda for Governance and Audit Committee on Thursday, 22nd May, 2025, 10.00 am	Audit Wales	22 May, 2025 Response to Audit Wales Report.pdf	COMPLETED (May, 2026)
Improvement Check visit to Cyngor Gwynedd (eitem 18) Agenda for Governance and Audit Committee on Thursday, 22nd May, 2025, 10.00 am	Care Inspectorate Wales	22 May, 2025 Response to Care Inspectorate Wales Letter.pdf	SEE BELOW
<p>Improvement Check visit to Cyngor Gwynedd - Care Inspectorate Wales</p> <p>The majority of recommendations have been fulfilled or are being implemented as part of the Department's ongoing arrangements.</p> <p>Your attention is drawn to an update regarding two of the recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The local authority must ensure information, advice and assistance is promptly offered in a manner which is accessible. This is a work programme that is prioritised by the Department and is regularly discussed at performance challenge meetings. Investigation of appropriate models has been carried out and new functions have been trialled and evaluated over the past year. A departmental decision has been made, but a job appraisal and review process has slowed down the implementation schedule. New completion date of 30/11/26. - The local authority must prioritise its workplan for reducing the wait for domiciliary care. This to ensure people, and unpaid carers, receive timely support and to prevent escalation of need. The work programme is a priority and the implementation board meets every 3 weeks. The work of the program is challenged at the Department's performance challenge meetings. A progress report submitted to the Audit and Governance Committee in May with a view to introducing a new delivery model by November 2027. 			

TABLE 2 – for information only - work in progress and we shall report back to this committee after the completion date.

Report title	Author	Institutional response to this committee	Completion date
Strategic Management of Balances and Reserves (item 10) Agenda for Governance and Audit Committee on Thursday, 11th September, 2025, 10.00 am	Audit Wales	11 September, 2025 Microsoft Word - Management Response Form. Cyngor Gwynedd.docx	September, 2026
The Building Blocks? Capital Planning in Councils in Wales (item 18) Agenda for Governance and Audit Committee on Thursday, 21st May, 2026, 10.00 am	Audit Wales	21 May, 2026 Appendix 2 - Management Response Form - Councils.pdf	31 December, 2026
'The Building Blocks? Capital Planning in Councils in Wales' (Item 18) Agenda for Governance and Audit Committee on Thursday, 21st May, 2026, 10.00 am	Audit Wales	21 May, 2026 Appendix 2 - Management Response Form - Councils.pdf	31 December 2026
Arrangements for commissioning Services (Item 12) Agenda for Governance and Audit Committee on Tuesday, 3rd February, 2026, 1.00 pm	Audit Wales	3 February, 2026 Appendix 2 - Management Response Form Commissioning Arrangements Gwynedd.pdf	March, 2027
Temporary accommodation, long-term crisis? (Item 13) Agenda for Governance and Audit Committee on Tuesday, 3rd February, 2026, 1.00 pm	Audit Wales	3 February, 2026 4078a534-689e-4391-b964-4b820ca3b6e8	March, 2027