

COMMITTEE	GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
DATE	8 FEBRUARY 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 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' 	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.

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 	Plans are in place to re-establish the Working Group but no meeting has taken place so far
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. 	See above regarding the Controls Improvement Working Group

Meeting of 14 December 2023

Item	Decision	Update
IMPLEMENTING THE DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE	<p>To accept the report.</p> <p>Note: Present to the meeting on 8 February 2024</p> <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.

Meeting of 18 January 2024

Item	Decision	Update
IMPLEMENTING THE DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the report. Note: Correction to 'Self-assessment on the Effectiveness of the Committee' - action to identify a day Take out the Proposals of the Service Improvement Annual Report 2021/22 	Work is ongoing to identify a date, location and facilitator

<p>FINAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 AND THE RELEVANT AUDIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept and approve the 'ISA260' Report by Audit Wales in respect of Cyngor Gwynedd To accept and approve the Statement of Accounts for 2022/23 (post-audit) - the Chair of the Committee to certify the Statement of Responsibilities regarding the Statement of Accounts The Chair of the Committee and the Head of Finance Department to certify the Letter of Representation electronically To congratulate the officers for their work of securing an unqualified statement 	<p>No further action</p>
<p>SAVINGS OVERVIEW: PROGRESS REPORT ON REALISING SAVINGS SCHEMES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the report. To note the progress, the position and the relevant risks in the context of the Savings Overview. 	<p>No further action</p>
<p>REVENUE BUDGET 2023/24 – END OF NOVEMBER 2023 REVIEW</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the report on the end of November 2023 review of the Revenue Budget To consider the latest financial position regarding the budgets of each department / service To note that significant overspend is anticipated in the Adults, Health and Well-being Department, the Children and Supporting Families Department, and the Highways, Engineering and YGC Department this year. To agree with the recommendation to Cabinet (23-01-24) to approve a transfer of £4,241k of underspend on corporate budgets to the Council's Financial Strategy Reserve <p>Note: The Cabinet is requested to,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the timetable for the Adult Health and Well-being Department's overspend review and the Environment Department's overspend review (Integrated transport issues) Consider the imbalance in the use of grants 	<p>A verbal report given to the Cabinet on its meeting on 23 January 2024, outlining all the points raised by the Committee.</p>
<p>CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24 – END OF NOVEMBER 2023 REVIEW</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the report. To note the situation and the relevant risks in the context of the budgets of the Council and its departments To agree with the recommendation to the Cabinet (23-01-24) to approve the revised financing: - an increase of £3,576,000 in the use of borrowing - an increase of £2,373,000 in the use of grants and contributions - an increase of £317,000 in the use of revenue contributions - an increase of £1,038,000 in the use of renewal and other reserves. 	<p>No further action</p>

REVIEWING SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To accept the report. • To welcome the review of the current scrutiny arrangements carried out following Audit Wales's report • To recommend that the Full Council approves Option 1 subject to work being carried out to improve the effectiveness and operations of the Scrutiny Committees 	No further action
AUDIT WALES REPORTS – Use Information about Performance: Perspective and Results of Service Users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To accept the report, for information. • To welcome Managers’ response. 	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.