

MEETING: **FULL COUNCIL**

DATE: **11 JULY 2024**

SUBJECT: **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE 2023-24**

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1. The Governance and Audit Committee is a statutory committee. Presented to the full Council is an annual report covering the work of the Committee over the year 2023/24, highlighting how the Committee has carried out its statutory duties, and how it adds value to the governance arrangements of Cyngor Gwynedd.
2. This is the second time such an annual report has been prepared, pursuant to CIPFA's strong recommendation. Further, the Local Government Measure (Wales) 2011 sets an expectation on the Committee to report on its findings in specific areas (as outlined in paragraph 8 of the annual report), and it is considered that this report fulfills this requirement.

3. The CIPFA guidelines note:

***“The committee should prepare an annual report that provides assurance to all those charged with governance that it fulfils its purpose and can demonstrate its impact.”***

4. The Governance and Audit Committee has considered the draft report in its meeting on 23 May and presents this report for the attention of the Council. The comments of the Committee members in the meeting have been incorporated in the version that is presented to the Council.

## **Recommendation**

5. Accept the report.

## **Appendix:**

Annual Report of the Governance and Audit Committee 2023-24

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## **Statutory Officers Observations**

### **Monitoring Officer**

I welcome this report on the work of the Committee. Its role has been expanded and it is heartening to see that they have positively addressed the new responsibilities.

### **Chief Finance Officer**

Responsible Officer