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| <b>MEETING</b>        | Audit and Governance Committee  |
| <b>DATE</b>           | 17 November 2022  |
| <b>TITLE</b>          | Audit Wales Reports   |
| <b>AMCAN</b>          | Provide an update to the Committee on the Audit Wales work programme for Quarter 2 and reports published recently |
| <b>RECOMMENDATION</b> | Members are asked to accept the report.   |
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## 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. The Audit and Governance Committee has a role to review and assess the risk management, internal control, performance management and corporate governance arrangements of the Council and as part of this role there is an expectation to consider the reports of external review bodies such as Audit Wales, Estyn and Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW).
- 1.2. As well as actively considering reports the committee are expected to assure themselves that there are arrangements in place to monitor and evaluate progress against any recommendations contained in them. To facilitate this work Audit Wales has prepared a quarterly update on the work of the review bodies and a copy of this document for Quarter 2 2022/23 is included as **Appendix 1**.
- 1.3. A report on the current studies of Audit Wales, Estyn and Care Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) and the progress made by the Council in response to proposals or recommendations was presented to the meeting of this Committee on the 30th of June 2022. The next report will be presented in January/February 2023.
- 1.4. In the meantime, a copy of the 'Springing Forward' report has been included as **Appendix 2** with a management response document included as **Appendix 3** which outlines what we as a Council intend to do to respond to the recommendations within the report. Geraint Owen, Corporate Director, will attend the meeting to set the context and respond to any questions if necessary.