

MEETING	Governance and Audit Committee
DATE	9th February 2023
TITLE	Audit Wales Reports
AMCAN	Provide an update to the Committee on the reports recently published by Audit Wales
RECOMMENDATION	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 prepares a quarterly update on the work of the review bodies and a copy of this document for Quarter 2 2022/23 was presented to this committee at its meeting on the 17th of November. We expect to receive a Quarter 3 update in the coming weeks.
- 1.3. A report on the current studies of Audit Wales, Estyn and Care Inspectorate Wales 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 to the committee on the 9th of February 2023.
- 1.4. In the meantime, a copy of the **'Arrangements for responding to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021'** and **'Decarbonisation Progress'** reports have been included as **Appendix 1 and 3**. In addition, a management response document, which outlines what we as a Council intend to do to respond to the recommendations within the reports, is included as **Appendix 2 and 4**. Relevant officers will attend the meeting to set the context and respond to any questions if necessary.