

## Managers' response

Title of report: Arrangements for responding to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirm and implement the plans for completing the external panel's performance assessment</li> </ul>	No	<p>Initial discussion held with WLGA about the possible timetable and a discussion held in the internal Governance Group.</p> <p>An intention to hold a further discussion in the Governance Group having been through the self-assessment for 22/23 in order to present recommendations and a proposed timetable to the Leadership Team for the</p>	July 2023	Dewi W. Jones

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			completion of the panel's assessment.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete the process of preparing and adopting a Participation Strategy</li> </ul>		<p>A public consultation was held on the Participation Strategy in January 2023 in order to ensure that there was input from the public.</p> <p>There is a specific report to the Governance and Audit Committee on this element. It is intended to submit the Strategy to the Full Council on 2 March 2023.</p>	March 2023	Vera Jones/ Iwan Evans

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on the Petitions Scheme</li> </ul>		<p>The Full Council adopted the Petitions Scheme at its meeting on 1 December 2022. We are now undertaking the practical administrative steps prior to its publication on the website. The Scheme is operational in practice.</p>	December 2022	Vera Jones
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on recruiting all the necessary lay members</li> </ul>	Yes	<p>The Full Council approved the appointment of a fifth lay member on 1 December 2022. One lay member seat remains vacant, and we aim to fill this in the Council meeting on 2 March 2023</p>	March 2023	Dewi Morgan, Head of Finance Department

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrangements for the provision of training for Committee members</li> </ul>	Yes	This programme is continuing to evolve. The Members have received personal training from the Ombudsman in November 2022 and treasury advisers in January 2023. A series of headings are currently in development	May 2023	Dewi Morgan, Head of Finance Department
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On a regional North Wales level, confirm the scrutiny arrangements, borrowing powers and the VAT status of the Corporate Joint Committee</li> </ul>	No	Information has been shared regionally regarding the statutory scrutiny arrangements for the CJC. In preparing for the transfer of the Growth Deal and the completion of the CJC's Constitution, the regional scrutiny model will be identified and agreed with the Councils.	July 2023	Iwan Evans, Monitoring Officer. Cyngor Gwynedd, North Wales Economic Ambition Board and North Wales Corporate Joint Committee
		Yes	Welsh Government is in discussions with UK Government	April 2023	Dafydd L. Edwards, Lead Officer North Wales Corporate

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			<p>to agree upon the details of various amendments to UK legislation to support the four CJC's through a Section 150 Order, including in relation to the CJC's taxation status. A draft S150 Order has been prepared and is intended to be tabled in Westminster early in 2023. Subject to agreement, the changes to UK legislation would be made by the end of the current financial year.</p>		Joint Committee Project