

MEETING: **FULL COUNCIL**

DATE: **28 SEPTEMBER 2023**

SUBJECT: **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE 2022-23**

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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 2022/23, 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 first time such an annual report has been prepared, but CIPFA strongly recommends that this is done. 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 7 September, and presents this report for the attention of the Council.

Recommendation

5. Accept the report.

Appendix:

Annual Report of the Governance and Audit Committee 2022-23

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