



## Report of the Head of Democratic Services

Governance & Audit Committee – 10 April 2024

### Governance & Audit Committee Work Plan

<b>Purpose:</b>	This report details the Governance & Audit Committee Work Plan to May 2024 and Draft Work Plan to May 2025.
<b>Report Author:</b>	Jeremy Parkhouse
<b>Finance Officer:</b>	N/A
<b>Legal Officer:</b>	N/A
<b>Access to Services Officer:</b>	N/A
<b>For Information</b>	

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Governance & Audit Committee Work Plan to May 2024 in Terms of Reference Order is attached at Appendix 1 and the Draft Work Plan to May 2025 is attached at Appendix 1.1.
- 1.2 The Additional Work Programme Governance and Audit Committee as a result of the Local Government and Elections Act is attached at Appendix 2.
- 1.3 The Scrutiny Programme Committee Work Plan 2023/24 report is attached at Appendix 3.
- 1.4 The Scrutiny & Monitoring of External Audit / Inspection / Regulatory (AIR) Reports (2023/24) is attached at Appendix 4.
- 1.5 The updated Governance & Audit Committee Terms of Reference is attached at Appendix 5.
- 1.6 The dates included for the meetings in 2023/24 were approved at the Council's Annual Meeting on 18 May 2023.

## **2. Integrated Assessment Implications**

2.1 The Council is subject to the Equality Act (Public Sector Equality Duty and the socio-economic duty), the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure, and must in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Acts.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Deliver better outcomes for those people who experience socio-economic disadvantage
- Consider opportunities for people to use the Welsh language
- Treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English.
- Ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

2.1.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 mandates that public bodies in Wales must carry out sustainable development. Sustainable development means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the 'well-being goals'.

2.1.2 Our Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) process ensures we have paid due regard to the above. It also takes into account other key issues and priorities, such as poverty and social exclusion, community cohesion, carers, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and Welsh language.

2.2 There are no impact assessment implications associated with this report.

## **3. Financial Implications**

3.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## **4. Legal Implications**

4.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

**Background Papers:** None.

**Appendices:**

Appendix 1 - Governance & Audit Committee Work Plan to May 2024 in Terms of Reference Order.

Appendix 1.1 - Governance & Audit Committee Work Plan to May 2025 in Terms of Reference Order.

Appendix 2 - Additional Work Programme - Governance and Audit Committee as a result of the Local Government and Elections Act.

Appendix 3 - Scrutiny Programme Committee Work Plan 2023/24

Appendix 4 - Scrutiny & Monitoring of External Audit / Inspection / Regulatory (AIR) Reports (2023/24).

Appendix 5 - Governance & Audit Committee Terms of Reference.