

## Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>Governance and Audit Committee</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>27 September 2022</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Remotely via Video-conference</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Report on progress of Annual Governance Statement 2021-22 and Annual Governance Statement 2022-23</b>
<b>PURPOSE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>To present an update on the progress of the Annual Governance Statement 2021-2022, as well as an update regarding progress with the 2022-2023 Annual Governance Statement.</b>
<b>For:</b>	<b>Information</b>

### Background

The Governance and Audit Committee considered a Report on the Draft Annual Governance Statement 2021-2022 and Governance Framework Document and current year action plan at its meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

(see Report to the Governance and Audit Committee at

<https://council.ceredigion.gov.uk/documents/s3103/Item%2013%20Draft%20AGS%20s.pdf?LLL=0> and Meeting Minutes at <https://council.ceredigion.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=147&MId=351&Ver=4&LLL=0>).

At this meeting the committee agreed to recommend that Council endorses the Draft Annual Governance Statement 2021-22.

At its 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Meeting Council resolved to:

- a) Note the contents of the updated 2021-2022 Governance Framework Document; and
- b) Approve the Draft Annual Governance Statement 2021-2022.

(see Report to Council at <https://council.ceredigion.gov.uk/documents/s3417/Report%20-%20Draft%20Annual%20Governance%20Statement.pdf?LLL=0> and Draft Meeting Minutes at: <https://council.ceredigion.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=149&MId=274&Ver=4&LLL=0>)

### Current Position

The approved Draft Annual Governance Statement 2021-2022 is now being considered by Audit Wales prior to being presented again as a final version to the Governance and Audit Committee on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and Council on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022 alongside the Annual Statement of Accounts.

## **Governance Framework 2022-23 & Current Year Action Plan**

A workshop will be held on 28 November 2022 for relevant Officers and committee Members to consider progress on the actions set out in the 2021-2022 Annual Governance Statement. During this workshop, the Governance Framework Document will be updated to reflect progress which has been made towards completing these actions. This updated document will then be presented to this committee at its meeting in January.

This workshop will also provide an opportunity to consider any new actions which need to be added to the Governance Framework Document, which will then be considered in the 2022-23 Annual Governance Statement.

## **Local Code of Corporate Governance**

The Local Code of Corporate Governance 2022-23 was approved by council on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022. Some preliminary work has taken place in reviewing this code to ensure that it effectively sets out how the Council's governance arrangements work towards meeting the seven principles of good governance, as set out in the CIPFA/SOLACE Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Framework (2016 Edition).

## **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

The Governance and Audit Committee is requested to:

i) Note the contents of this report

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:** To keep the committee informed as to the progress of the Annual Governance Statement 2021-22 and the next steps for the Governance Framework Document, Annual Governance Statement 2022-23 and Local Code of Corporate Governance.

**Appendices:** None – Status update only

**Head of Service:** Elin Prysor, Corporate Lead Officer – Legal & Governance Services / Monitoring Officer

**Reporting Officer:** Harry Dimmack, Governance Officer

**Date:** 30/8/2022