

CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to:	Council
Date of meeting:	26 January 2023
Title:	Annual Governance Statement 2021-22 Update
Purpose of the report:	To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2021-22
For:	Decision
Cabinet Portfolio and Cabinet Member:	Cllr. Matthew Vaux, Cabinet Member for Partnerships, Housing, Legal and Governance and Public Protection

Background:

The Draft Annual Governance Statement was approved by Council on the 8th of July 2022.

Current Position:

In response to recommendations from Audit Wales, the following amendments were made to the Annual Governance Statement 2021-22:

- Page 7 – Corrected dates relating to the review of the Governance Framework Document by Internal Audit.
- Page 7 – Added conclusion of self-assessment review of CIPFA Financial Management Code.
- Pages 13, 29 & 35 – Updated date of approval of Internal Audit Charter.
- Page 22 – Year of Internal Audit Strategy & Plan corrected to 2021/2022.
- Page 29 – Additional dates provided for Internal Audit Reporting to Governance and Audit Committee.
- Page 30, 35 & 36 – Updated date of latest peer review undertaken to May 2022 by Anglesey County Council.
- Page 36 – Updated date of reporting of Annual Internal Audit Report to Governance and Audit Committee.
- Page 37 – Updated comments and dates for Internal Audit Progress Report and Annual Report 2021/22.
- Page 38 – Minor typographical error corrected.

These changes are all shown in the attached updated Annual Governance Statement 2021-22 (**Appendix 1**) using tracked changes/highlight.

A report on this updated Annual Governance Statement 2021-22 was presented to the Governance and Audit Committee on the 19th of January 2023.

		Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed?	No
		If, not, please state why	
Wellbeing of Future Generations:		Summary:	This report does not represent a change in policy or strategy.
		Long term:	
		Collaboration:	
		Involvement:	
		Prevention:	
		Integration:	
Recommendation(s):			To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2021-2022 (Appendix 1).
Reasons for decision:			To progress the publication of an Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 in accordance with The Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.
Overview and Scrutiny:			Reviewed by Governance and Audit Committee 19/1/2023.
Policy Framework:			None
Corporate Well-being Objectives:			Effective Corporate Governance ensures that the Council can deliver on all the Corporate Wellbeing Objectives: 1. Boosting the Economy, Supporting Businesses and Enabling Employment; 2. Creating Caring and Healthy Communities; 3. Providing the Best Start in Life and Enabling Learning at All Ages; and 4. Creating Sustainable, Green and Well-connected Communities.
Finance and Procurement implications:			To comply fully with requirements.
Legal Implications:			To comply with legislation/regulations.
Staffing implications:			None
Property / asset implications:			None
Risk(s):			None
Statutory Powers:			Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014
Background Papers:			None
Appendices:			Appendix 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2021-22

Corporate Officer: **Lead** Elin Prysor, Corporate Lead Officer – Legal and Governance Services / Monitoring Officer

Reporting Officer: Harry Dimmack, Governance Officer

Date: 10/01/2023