

CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Council

Date of meeting: 26 October 2023

Title: 2022-23 Statement of Accounts Update

Purpose of the report: To update Members regarding the 2022-23 Statement of Accounts (including 2022-23 Harbour Accounts)

For: Information

Cabinet Portfolio and Cabinet Member:
Councillor Gareth Davies, Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement

Introduction

The 2022-23 Accounts were due to be presented at the Governance and Audit Committee on 30th November 2023 and then onwards to Full Council later that day, in order to comply with the Welsh Government's deadline that audited Accounts for 2022-23 are to be approved by 30th November 2023.

Ceredigion County Council's 2022-23 Accounts were submitted to Audit Wales on Friday 18th August 2023 in preparation for completion of the Audit of Accounts by 30th November 2023. However, we were notified by Audit Wales that due to resourcing issues they would be unable to meet this deadline and that they were going to delay the audit of the 2022-23 Accounts.

We are currently in the process of discussing a revised date for presenting the report by Audit Wales to the Governance and Audit Committee and Council.

Wellbeing of Future Generations:

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If not, please state why.
Not applicable

Recommendation(s):

To note the 2022-23 Statement of Accounts update

Overview and Scrutiny:

Not applicable

Policy Framework:

Approval of Statement of Accounts

Corporate Well-being Objectives:

All

Finance and Procurement implications:

The delay will be challenging for staff in terms of delivering a challenging budget at the same time as the delayed audit process.

Legal Implications:

Not applicable

Staffing implications:

Not applicable

Property / asset implications:

Not applicable

Risk(s):

There are further delays with the audit

Statutory Powers:

Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014

Background Papers:

None

Appendices:

None

Corporate Lead Officer:

Duncan Hall

Reporting Officer:

Duncan Hall

Date:

16:10.2023