

CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

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| Report to: | Council |
| Date of meeting: | 21st of March 2024 |
| Title: | Governance Framework |
| Purpose of the report: | To approve the Governance Framework |
| For: | Decision |
| Cabinet Portfolio and Cabinet Member: | Cllr. Matthew Vaux, Cabinet Member for Partnerships, Housing, Legal and Governance and Public Protection |

Background

Following a review of the Council's governance documents, it was agreed that a Governance Framework would be created to act as an overarching document encompassing the Council's governance arrangements and to replace the current Local Code for Corporate Governance [2023-2024-local-code-of-corporate-governance.pdf \(ceredigion.gov.uk\)](https://ceredigion.gov.uk/2023-2024-local-code-of-corporate-governance.pdf).

The Council is committed to demonstrating that it has the necessary corporate governance arrangements in place to perform effectively, and to ensure that these arrangements are reflected in the Council's governance arrangement documentation.

The draft Governance Framework attached (**Appendix 1**) demonstrates the arrangements in place to ensure that the intended outcomes for all stakeholders are defined and achieved, whilst ensuring that the Council always acts in the public interest. It sets out the way the Council meets that commitment in order to achieve the Council's vision and Corporate Well-being Objectives, brings together all governance arrangements and provides assurance that there are clear governance arrangements in place.

The Governance Framework document summarises how the Council:

- organises its affairs through determining an appropriate governance, executive oversight and organisational structure
- agrees and implements robust policies, systems and processes
- makes and executes decisions in an efficient and transparent manner engages with, and holds itself accountable to local people

The draft Governance Framework has been shared with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee through the drafting stage of the document.

On 14th March 2024 the Governance and Audit Committee recommended the draft Governance Framework to Council for adoption.

Proposal

It is proposed that Council approves the Governance Framework, which will replace the current Local Code of Corporate Governance.

Wellbeing of Future Generations:

Involvement:

- Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse.

Prevention:
Positively impacting on people, economy, environment and culture and trying to benefit all three.

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Recommendation(s): Approval

Reason(s) for decision: for Approve the Governance Framework for publication

Overview and Scrutiny:
Policy Framework:
Corporate Well-being Objectives:
Finance and Procurement implications:
Legal implications:

Staffing implications: n/a
Property / asset implications:

Risk(s): n/a

Statutory Powers: n/a
Background Papers: [2023-2024-local-code-of-corporate-governance.pdf \(ceredigion.gov.uk\)](https://ceredigion.gov.uk/2023-2024-local-code-of-corporate-governance.pdf).

Appendices: **Appendix 1 – Governance Framework**

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Date: **05.03.2024**