

Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

REPORT TO: Governance and Audit Committee

DATE: 26th of March 2025

LOCATION: Remotely via Video Conference

TITLE: Governance Framework – Annual review

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To present the Governance Framework for 2025

Background

The Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 requires local authorities to conduct at least annually a review of the effectiveness of their governance framework including their systems of internal control. This review must be documented in an Annual Governance Statement and published as part of the Council's Annual Accounts. The Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring the governance arrangements on behalf of the Council.

The CIPFA/SOLACE '*Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework*' (2016) sets out a framework of 7 key principles that will enable organisations, public sector partnerships and combined authorities to achieve their outcomes while working in the public interest. The principles are further supported by core-principles of behaviour that demonstrate what good governance should look like in practice. These principles are the basis for the Council's Governance Framework Document and Governance Framework review.

Current Position

The Governance Framework was last brought to Governance and Audit Committee on 14.03.2024. [Item 9 Governance framework combined final revised.pdf](#). It was approved by Council and published on 21.03.2024 [Cover report - Governance Framework 5.3.24 - Council - 21.3.24.pdf](#).

Conclusion

A review of the current Governance Framework (appendix 1) has been undertaken by the Governance team for 2024-25 and it was determined that no changes are required as it remains current and relevant. The framework provides clear guidance on the Council's commitment to the seven principles of good governance, as outlined in the CIPFA/SOLACE *Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Framework* (2016 Edition).

The Governance Framework will be reviewed on an annual basis and included in the forward work plan of the Governance and Audit Committee.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Committee is requested to:

- i. Note the contents of this report;
- ii. Provide views / comments on the Governance Framework

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION(S): To ensure that the Governance Framework is up to date and remains fit for purpose.

Appendices: **Appendix 1:** Governance Framework

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