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| Report to: | Governance and Audit Committee |
| Date of meeting: | 26 March 2025 |
| Location: | Council Chamber / Remotely Via Video Conference |
| Title: | Ceredigion County Council Final Self-Assessment Report 2023/24 |
| Purpose of the report: | To provide the Governance and Audit Committee with the Council's Final Self-Assessment Report 2023-24 as required by the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 |
| Cabinet Portfolio and Cabinet Member | Councillor Bryan Davies - Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Policy and Performance |

Background

Part 6 of the **Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021** introduced a new Self-Assessment based performance regime for Principal Councils.

The new performance regime is intended to build and support a culture in which councils continuously seek to improve and do better in everything they do, regardless of how well they are performing already. It is the expectation of the Act that councils will always be striving to achieve more and seek to ensure best outcomes for local people and communities.

There are 5 specific duties for Councils introduced by the Act:

- Duty to keep performance under review
- Duty to consult on performance
- Duty to report on performance
- Duty to arrange a Panel Performance Assessment
- Duty to respond to a Panel Performance Assessment

Under its duty to report on performance, the Council is required to publish a Self-Assessment Report once in respect of every financial year setting out the conclusions as to the extent to which the Council met the performance requirements during that financial year, and any actions it will take, or has already taken, to increase the extent to which it will meet the performance requirements. The emphasis of the Report is on understanding how the Council is operating now, the likely demands it will face in the future, and how it can build sustainability.

Current Position

The Governance and Audit Committee considered the Draft Self-Assessment Report at its meeting on 15 October 2024. No formal recommendations to change the conclusions or the actions that the Council intends to take were made.

The Final report was subsequently approved by Cabinet on 7 January 2025 and is attached at Appendix 1.

Next Steps

Governance and Audit Committee are one of the four statutory recipients of the Final Self-Assessment Report. The Report will also be submitted to Ministers, Estyn and the Auditor General for Wales, as well as being published on the Council’s website.

Recommendations (s): **To note the Self-Assessment Report 2023/24 including the Annual Review of Performance and Well-being Objectives**

Reason for decision: **To ensure compliance with Part 6 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 / Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**

Appendices: Appendix 1 - Final Self-Assessment Report 2023/24

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Date: 28 February 2025