

**Powys County Council
Governance and Audit Committee Template**

Committee:	Governance and Audit Committee
Date:	5 th May 2023
Subject:	Strategic Risk Register Qtr 4 22/23

1. Who will be the Lead Officer(s) / Lead Cabinet Member(s) presenting the report?

Name:	Role:
Cllr David Thomas	Portfolio Holder for Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Transformation
Jane Thomas	Head of Finance
Bets Ingram	Strategic Equalities and Risk Officer

2. Why is the Committee being asked to consider the subject?

1.1 The report sets out the Council's latest position on managing its key risks, contained in the Strategic Risk Register (SRR). Please see attached appendices which includes the Cabinet cover report, detailed strategic risk report and heat map.

1.2 The report also highlighted some recent risk management improvements, the most recent National Security Risk Assessment and SWAPs internal audit into risk management March 2023.

1.3 Cabinet have received risk management training and have been given access to the relevant service risk registers to their portfolio on JCAD. Similar to the deep dive approach, Governance & Audit can request to see any service, project or programme risk register in the form of a JCAD report with Head of Service or lead officer in attendance presenting. Added to that, part of Governance & Audit deep dives should include partnership areas to their sample.

3. Role of the Committee:

The role of the Committee in considering the subject is to:

The Governance and Audit Committee's role is to seek assurance on the effectiveness of the arrangements in place by the Council to manage risk. The purpose of this report enables the Committee to fulfil this role by considering the report being submitted to Cabinet at their meeting of the 9th May 2023.

4. Key Questions:

What Key areas should the Committee focus on:

The Governance and Audit Committee are asked to review the report and the arrangements in place to ensure that there is an appropriate understanding and management of risk and that these and the actions in place to mitigate the risks are monitored and regularly reviewed.

Seeking assurance on the effectiveness of the arrangements in place by the Council to manage risk.

Key Feeders (tick all that apply)

Strategic Risk	x	Cabinet Work Plan	
Director / Head of Service Key Issue		External / Internal Inspection	
Existing Commitment / Annual Report		Performance / Finance Issue	
Suggestion from Public		Referral from Council / Committee	
Corporate Improvement Plan		Impacting Public / other services	
Service Integrated Business Plan			
Suggestion from Members			
Partnerships			

Key Impact (tick all that apply)

Policy Review		Performance	
Informing Policy Development		Evidence Gathering	
Risk	x	Corporate Improvement Plan	
Service Integrated Business Plan		Partnerships	
Pre-Decision Scrutiny		Finance / Budget	