

**Powys County Council  
Governance and Audit Committee**

<b>Committee:</b>	Governance and Audit committee
<b>Date:</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
<b>Subject:</b>	Self-Assessment and Annual Governance Statement 2022-23

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

Name:	Role:
Catherine James	Head of Transformation and Democratic Services
Representatives of Cabinet	

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

Governance and Audit's views and comments are being sought in respect of the Annual Corporate Self-Assessment and Annual Governance Statement

It is important to note that the Self-Assessment report is a significant strand in demonstrating the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, but must be read alongside the Annual Governance Statement, which details a view of the organisation's governance based on the seven CIPFA principles of good governance.

**3. Role of the Committee:**

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

- Annual Self-Assessment – provide comments on the annual monitoring of the Council's performance against its Corporate Improvement Plan and Strategic Equality Objectives
- Annual Governance Statement – be assured of the processes, systems, and records that the council has in place to demonstrate the effectiveness of its governance arrangements during the financial year.

**4. Key Questions:**

**What Key areas should the Committee focus on:**

Does the Self-Assessment provide a reasonable overview of performance against the Corporate Improvement Plan and Strategic Equality Objectives?

Are the Committee in agreement with the assurance levels provided in the report against each of the 7 CIPFA Principles (used to assess good governance practices)?

**Key Feeders (tick all that apply)**

Strategic Risk		Cabinet Work Plan	
Director / Head of Service Key Issue		External / Internal Inspection	<b>x</b>
Existing Commitment / Annual Report	<b>x</b>	Performance / Finance Issue	<b>x</b>
Suggestion from Public		Referral from Council / Committee	

Corporate Improvement Plan	<b>x</b>	Impacting Public / other services	
Service Integrated Business Plan			
Suggestion from Members			
Partnerships			

**Key Impact (tick all that apply)**

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