

**Powys County Council  
Governance and Audit Committee**

<b>Committee:</b>	Governance and Audit Committee
<b>Date:</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Strategic Risk Register Report Quarter 1 2023/2024</b>

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

Name:	Role:
Jane Thomas	<b>Head of Finance</b>
Bets Ingram	Strategic Equalities and Risk officer
County Councillor Cllr David Thomas	Portfolio Holder for Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Transformation

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

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.

**3. Role of the Committee:**

- Gain assurance that risk management is being properly undertaken including governance of risk, leadership, integration of risk management into wider governance arrangements, and ownership and accountability for risks and their controls.
- Oversee the risk management policy and guidance and their implementation in practice.
- Oversee the integration of risk management in governance and decision-making processes.
- Consider the effectiveness of internal controls and monitor the implementation of agreed actions.
- Oversight of strategic risk adherence and undertake deep dives into specific service / project risk as part of their annual plan activity.

**4. Key Questions:**

- Consider the effectiveness of controls.
- Seek assurance regarding the implementation of agreed actions.
- Review proposals in the report in relation to G&A committees' role (see above point 3).

**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	