

Appendix 3 - Governance and Audit Committee (22nd January 2025) Recommendations for Change and Cabinet Response to those Recommendations

	Recommendations for Change	Cabinet Response
3.1 For Committee to note and provide feedback on the Panel Performance Assessment Report (Appendix 1).	1. Include a more detailed list of invitees to Panel sessions during fieldwork week as an appendix to Panel Performance Assessment Report	1. This request has been passed onto WLGA for consideration.
3.2 For Committee to review the statutory statements the Council is required to make in response to the Report and make recommendations for changes to the statements as it deems appropriate (Section 4.6 and 4.7).		
4.6 The draft statement for the “ <u>the extent to which we accept the conclusions in the report</u> ”	2. Include the word ‘welcome’ in the first sentence of the response so it will read “The Council welcome and accept the report and its conclusions”	2. Sentence has been updated to include word ‘welcome’.
4.7 The draft statement for the “ <u>extent to which the council intends to follow any recommendations contained in the report</u> ”	None	
3.3 For Committee to review the actions the council intends to take, the ‘Action Plan’, and make recommendations for changes as it deems appropriate (Appendix 2).	3. Review the action plan to make sentences more succinct and simpler.	3. Long sentences within the action plan have been broken down and individual actions made clearer through subset numbering (e.g. Action 3a; 3b; 3c).
	4. Add a fifth column “By when” to provide a timeline in which these actions will be completed	4. Column added and dates provided.
	5. Adjust response to Recommendation 1 to include reference to the briefing of	5. Response adjusted- see action 3c.

	<p>individuals (political and operational) who represent the Council on external bodies or events so that they may advocate well for the Council and its mission.</p>	
	<p>6. Adjust response to Recommendation 4 to refer to succession planning when mentioning workforce planning.</p>	<p>6. Response adjusted- see action 6a.</p>
	<p>7. Receive the draft internal audit report on partnership working and reflect the draft recommendations from that report within this action plan around recommendation 5 and 6</p>	<p>7. The Internal Audit report <i>D232441 - Internal Audit of Partnership Arrangements for Denbighshire County Council</i> is currently in draft. Reference is made to it in the footnote on page 4 of the action plan and as part of Action 8.</p>
	<p>8. Adjust response to Recommendation 6 to make reference to using this improvement to support any partnerships the Council is involved in.</p>	<p>8. Response adjusted.</p>
	<p>9. Adjust response to Recommendation 6, 7 and 8 to refer to how the Council is also going to work closely with private business.</p>	<p>9. Response adjusted for recommendation 6 (action 9) and 8 (action 12). Recommendation 7 has not been adjusted as this recommendation and the actions associated is about internal delivery of the Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act 2023 Act in the first instance.</p>
	<p>10. Adjust response to identified strength 6.1 bullet point 1 and 2 to include reference to this strength being important to the ongoing corporate governance health of the organisation.</p>	<p>10. Response adjusted.</p>

**11. Adjust response to identified strength 6.1
bullet point 3 to refer to action #4, #5, #6
and how these actions contribute to
sustain this identified strength**

11. Response adjusted.