

Appendix V: Summary of discussions and suggested amendments by Governance and Audit Committee and Performance Scrutiny Committee

To meet paper deadlines for Cabinet we have submitted our cover report prior to the meetings of Governance and Audit Committee and Performance Scrutiny Committee on June 12 and 13 respectively. This appendix therefore provides a summary of the discussion and suggested amendments by each Committee, which we will highlight during our verbal update at Cabinet. We have already made these amendments to the documents to enable Cabinet to review the changes in context.

This appendix supports Recommendation 3.1. that “Cabinet considers the reports, and agree any further actions required to respond to any performance issues highlighted within the reports (noting feedback from Committees summarised at Appendix V).¹”

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1	Governance and Audit Committee, June 11, 2025 and Performance Scrutiny Committee, June 12, 2025	The Strategic Planning Team briefed the Committee on the proportion of measures that were a Priority for Improvement. The Committee agreed this was useful and felt an overview of project statuses would also be valuable.	Determine the percentage of measures and activities/projects that are red and include this in the Self-Assessment (Appendix I) Appendix I has been amended to include this information on pp. 11-12 (with an expanded heading) and on pp.16-18 (also with an amended heading).
2	Governance and Audit Committee, June 11, 2025	Messaging around communications underpinning all aspects raised across the entire report could be stronger. (No amendments to	Add a sentence about the importance of communications. An additional sentence has been added p. 6 of Appendix 1.

¹ The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 requires the Council to consider recommendations for change from Governance and Audit Committee in turn and decide on acceptance or otherwise. Where a recommendation for change is not accepted, a rationale for why must be provided. Appendix V provides a summary of Governance and Audit Committees recommendations for change (if any) and response taken / proposed to be taken for Cabinet feedback.

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3	Governance and Audit Committee, June 11, 2025 and Performance Scrutiny Committee, June 12, 2025	Simplification of the presentation of performance reports would help engagement and understanding.	We share a desire to simplify the performance reports and will explore ways to strengthen performance management with simpler reports over the next period.
4	Governance and Audit Committee, June 11, 2025	Benchmarking could be more explicitly referenced.	Be explicit about existing benchmarking data and how we compare especially concerning 'high' and 'low' council performance. A new section has been added to Appendix I pp. 17-18.
5	Governance and Audit Committee, June 11, 2025	We are not performing well with some of our equality objectives and the importance of learning from others was flagged.	Include some analysis about poverty and equality objectives in the Self-Assessment under Key Challenges. A new Key Challenge has been added on p. 5 of Appendix 1
6	Governance and Audit Committee, June 11, 2025	Audit Wales's Financial Sustainability Review should be referenced.	Add detail about Financial Sustainability – Audit Wales's report concerning engagement with members and officers when setting budgets. Added to Appendix II, p. 74.
7	Governance and Audit Committee, June 11, 2025	The section about healthy culture, equality and lowest paid salaries (women's) is unclear.	Clarify the section about healthy culture, equality and lowest paid salaries (women's). Amended p. 13 of Appendix I.
8	Governance and Audit Committee, June 11, 2025	Amend the description of "compelling evidence" under Governance Areas to 'strong evidence'.	Amended p. 9 of Appendix II.
9	Performance Scrutiny Committee, June 12, 2025	The transformation improvement action should better reflect the need to	Improvement action 2 amended to "Building on the communication briefings that

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		improve our communication and involve engagement with businesses.	took place at the start of 2025, the Council needs to improve its communication internally and externally with staff, residents, elected members, partners, businesses and regulators about its Transformation work.”
10	Performance Scrutiny Committee, June 12, 2025	The improvement action should better reflect the need to improve our communication	Improvement action 5 amended to “The whole Council, both elected members and officers, should consider how reduced or changing capacity will impact our commitments around service delivery and quality, especially where these may fall short of customer expectations, and agree mechanisms for better communicating that to stakeholders.”
11	Performance Scrutiny Committee, June 12, 2025	It would be helpful to highlight numbers when we discuss the percentage increase in demand for social care.	Added data to footnotes on p. 8 and p.13 of Appendix I.
12	Performance Scrutiny Committee, June 12, 2025	The report does not refer to the developments in March with Denbighshire Leisure Ltd.	Added a section to Financial Planning section p. 74 of Appendix II.
13	Performance Scrutiny Committee, June 12, 2025	Clarify the wording of the Financial Pressures key challenge.	Amended Key Challenges on p. 5 of Appendix I.