

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

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REPORT TITLE: Strategic Risk Register Report Quarter 1 2022/2023

REPORT FOR: Decision / Discussion / Information

1. Purpose

- 1.1 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 26th July 2022.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) had a session to focus on the strategic risk register on the 13th July 2022 where all the current and potential strategic risks, as well as global risks were discussed.

The following key areas of risks to the Council were identified as:

- Health and safety
- Social services (insufficient capacity to respond to the longer-term demand in children's and adults' services in timely manner, WCCIS unreliability, risk of social care provider failure and budgets)
- Council budget/increased costs (living and economy)
- Recruitment and retention including demography
- Climate and nature emergency (biodiversity)
- Compliance with GDPR and DPA
- Cyber security
- Regulatory/Inspections

All of these areas are subject to review some of this progressive work is reflected in the **SRR Report Quarter 1 2022/2023** with further detailed work taking place over the next few months. This includes dedicated SLT sessions on Health and Safety, Recruitment and Retention including demography, Climate and Nature Emergency, Budget/Increased Costs to consider the risk, their intersectionality, consequences and the strategic mitigation required.

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