

# PWYLLGOR LLYWODRAETHU AC ARCHWILIO

## 27 MEDI 2024

### ARCHWILIO CYMRU: 'CRACIAU YN Y SYLFEINI' – DIOGELWCH ADEILADAU YNG NGHYMRU

#### Yr Argymhellion / Penderfyniadau Allweddol Sydd Eu Hangen:

1. I nodi canfyddiadau ac argymhellion adroddiad cenedlaethol Archwilio Cymru.
2. I nodi ymateb Cyngor Sir Caerfyrddin i argymhellion yr adroddiad cenedlaethol sy'n berthnasol i'r Cyngor.

#### Y Rhesymau:

Mae'n ddyletswydd arnom i ystyried argymhellion yr adroddiad rheoleiddiol a'r cynigion ar gyfer gwella.

Angen i'r Cabinet wneud penderfyniad: NAC OES

Angen i'r Cyngor wneud penderfyniad: NAC OES

YR AELOD O'R CABINET SY'N GYFRIFOL AM Y PORTFFOLIO:-

Cyng. Carys Jones, Materion Gwledig, Cydlyniant Cymunedol a Pholisi Cynllunio

#### Y Gyfarwyddiaeth:

Lle ac Isadeiledd

#### Enw Pennaeth y Gwasanaeth:

Rhodri Griffiths

#### Awdur yr Adroddiad:

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## AUDIT WALES REPORT: 'CRACKS IN THE FOUNDATIONS' – BUILDING SAFETY IN WALES (AUGUST 2023)

This Audit Wales national report looks at how the Welsh Government, local authorities and their key partners are implementing the requirements of the Building Safety Act 2022 which was published in response to the findings of the Hackitt Inquiry (an independent review into Building Regulations and fire safety commissioned by the UK Government following the Grenfell Tower Fire of 2017).

The focus of the Audit Wales review was on assessing the preparedness of bodies to take on their new and enhanced responsibilities, the resilience of existing services, and the robustness of building safety assurance systems.

In Part 1 of the report, Audit Wales consider the priorities set by the Welsh Government in respect of the Act and how well prepared local authorities are to deliver these. We found the Welsh Government prioritised responding to the Grenfell disaster, working with the UK Government.

In Part 2 Audit Wales consider the strength of local authority building control and enforcement services, the effectiveness of the fee-setting regime and how services are changing to strengthen resilience. Audit Wales conclude that as a profession, building control and building safety face significant staffing challenges.

In Part 3 Audit Wales examine building safety assurance arrangements. Audit Wales found that the absence of a national framework for monitoring and evaluating building control and building safety means that local authorities and their partners are not working to agreed appropriate outcome measures, targets, or benchmarks

The report makes 4 recommendations for Welsh Government and 4 for Local Government.

### DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

### YES

1. Audit Wales – Cracks in the Foundations – Building Safety in Wales
2. Carmarthenshire County Council Response to Recommendations

# IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: Rhodri Griffiths, Head of Place & Sustainability

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets	Bio-diversity & Climate Change
<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

## 1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

### Corporate Strategy

The report's recommendations support the Corporate Strategy and our Well-being Objectives.

### Regulatory Reports

- All regulatory report recommendations are entered onto the Council's performance monitoring system (PIMS) and any reasons for discounting recommendations should be explained and recorded. Progress against recommendations is monitored and reported.
- All regulatory reports are considered by lead Director, relevant Cabinet Member/s, Governance and Audit Committee and where appropriate relevant scrutiny committees.

### Governance and Audit Committee

- The role of the Governance and Audit Committee is to review and assess the risk management, internal control, performance management and corporate governance arrangements of the Council, it is expected that the Council's Governance and Audit Committee formally consider all reports of external review bodies – principally; Audit Wales, Estyn and the Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW).
- As well as actively considering reports, committees are expected to assure themselves that there are arrangements in place to monitor and evaluate progress against any recommendations contained in them. The focus here should be on holding executives and officers to account to ensure that reports and recommendations have been acted upon.

# CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: Rhodri Griffiths, Head of Place & Sustainability

<b>1. Scrutiny Committee request for pre-determination</b>	NO
<b>Scrutiny Committee</b>	
<b>Date the report was considered:-</b>	
<b>Scrutiny Committee Outcome/Recommendations:-</b>	

**2. Local Member(s)**

N/A.

**3. Community / Town Council**

N/A

**4. Relevant Partners**

N/A

**5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations**

N/A

<b>CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED</b> <p style="text-align: center;">YES</p>	Cllr. Carys Jones
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**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information  
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

**THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
<b>Cracks in the Foundations – Building Safety in Wales</b>		<p><b>Cymraeg:</b> <a href="https://www.audit.wales/audit-wales/2024-03-20/cracks-in-the-foundations-building-safety-in-wales">‘Craciau yn y Sylfeini’ – Diogelwch Adeiladau yng Nghymru (audit.wales)</a></p> <p><b>English:</b> <a href="https://www.audit.wales/audit-wales/2024-03-20/cracks-in-the-foundations-building-safety-in-wales">‘Cracks in the Foundations’ – Building Safety in Wales (audit.wales)</a></p>