

# PWYLLGOR LLYWODRAETHU AC ARCHWILIO

## 27 MEDI 2024

### ARCHWILIO CYMRU: LLYWODRAETHU AWDURDODAU'R PARCIAU CENEDLAETHOL

#### 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:-

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#### Y Gyfarwyddiaeth:

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#### Enw Pennaeth y Gwasanaeth:

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## AUDIT WALES: GOVERNANCE OF NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITIES

The report looks at the governance model for National Park Authorities which provides a clear framework to discharge its key functions, but weaknesses identified in its implementation present a risk to good governance.

As part of the Auditor General's local government studies programme in 2022-23, it reviewed the governance arrangements across the National Park Authorities (NPAs) in Wales. The review considered five key elements: governance model and structures; key functions and responsibilities within these structures; governance culture; infrastructure to support effective governance; and arrangements to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of governance.

### Audit Wales - Key findings:

The review sought to answer the question: *Do special purpose local authorities in Wales have effective governance arrangements that support good outcomes for citizens?*

To answer this, they looked at structures of governance, the model of governance, how members and officers work within structures, and the approaches taken to review and improve governance arrangements.

Overall, it was found that: the governance model for National Park Authorities provides a clear framework to discharge their key functions, but its implementation presents a risk to good governance.

The report makes four recommendations, of which only **one** is applicable to Local Authorities, regarding **improving accountability for members**:

<b>R3</b>	To provide assurance on members' contribution to the governance of NPAs, and to help inform future training and development provision, we recommend that the Welsh Government, NPAs and constituent local authorities work together to develop an accountability framework for all members of NPAs that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• evaluates their contribution to the NPA; and</li><li>• can be used to help to target support and development to enable NPA members to be effective in their role.</li></ul>
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An organisational response form has been prepared and will be reported alongside the Audit Wales report to Governance and Audit Committee on 12 July 2024.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**YES**

1. Audit Wales Report
2. Carmarthenshire County Council Organisational Response Form

# 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: Stephen Murphy, Head of Law, Governance & Civil Services

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: **Stephen Murphy, Head of Law, Governance & Civil Services**

**(Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings)**

<b>1. Scrutiny Committee request for pre-determination</b>	N/A
<b>If yes include the following information: -</b>	
<b>Scrutiny Committee</b>	
<b>Date the report was considered:-</b>	
<b>Scrutiny Committee Outcome/Recommendations:-</b>	

**2. Local Member(s)**

Not applicable

**3. Community / Town Council**

Not applicable

**4. Relevant Partners**

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

<b>CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED</b>	<b>Include any observations here</b>
YES	

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information**  
**List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**  
  
**THERE ARE NONE**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Audit Wales Governance of National Park Authorities		Cymraeg: <a href="https://www.audit.wales/cy/cyhoeddiad/llywodraethu-awdurdodau-parciau-cenedlaethol">https://www.audit.wales/cy/cyhoeddiad/llywodraethu-awdurdodau-parciau-cenedlaethol</a> English: <a href="#">Governance of National Park Authorities   Audit Wales</a>