

Meeting of:	Governance and Audit Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday, 20 July 2026
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Resources Scrutiny Committee
Urgent Decision Procedure Used (If yes, why)	Not applicable
Item Type	Part I
Report Title:	.Governance and Audit Committee Decision and Action Tracking.
Portfolio Holder:	No relevant Cabinet Member
Lead Officer(s):	Head of Regional Internal Audit Service

1.0 What is this report about?

- 1.1 To provide members of the Committee with a tracking record of decisions made and actions requested by the Governance and Audit Committee during the current Municipal Year (May 2026 to May 2027) and also for any outstanding recommendations relating to previous years.

2.0 What are the Recommendations?

	Recommendations – What and How?	Reason for Recommendation – Why?
1	That the Governance and Audit Committee notes the contents of the report and makes comments as appropriate.	To advise the Governance and Audit Committee of progress in relation to its decisions and actions requested.

3.0 What is the background to this report?

- 3.1 At its meeting held on 23rd September, 2024, Members of the Governance and Audit Committee requested a tracking log / record in order to monitor the progress and outcomes of all formal decisions it had made during the Municipal Year in exercising its functions.

- 3.2 Subsequently, a Decision Tracking record has been devised and populated by Democratic Services.

4.0 What issues are there to be considered?

- 4.1 A record of the outstanding formal decision/resolution made by the Governance and Audit Committee made during the 2024/25 Municipal Year is attached at Appendix A.
- 4.2 Appendix B is a record of decisions/resolutions for the previous Municipal Year 2025/26, also including informal actions raised by Committee members during meetings. It provides an update on progress of each resolution and action raised.
- 4.3 Appendix C, shows decisions/resolutions and informal actions for the current Municipal Year 2026/27, providing an update status on progress
- 4.4 The Committee is recommended to note the update positions provided in Appendices A to C and make comments, as appropriate.
- 4.5 It is recommended that the Governance and Audit Committee be kept regularly apprised off all outstanding decisions and / or resolutions and actions.

5.0 How evidence has been used to inform the report, including the views of others?

- 5.1 Updates are informed by work undertaken, performance and stakeholder engagement and professional judgement, providing an evidence-based assessment of progress.

6.0 Next Steps

- 6.1 Governance and Audit Committee are requested to consider the actions/recommendation listed within the appendices, and to make commentary as it sees fit.
- 6.2 Progress update reports will be provided at each Committee meeting, unless a special single item agenda meeting has been scheduled.

7.0 How does this report support the Vale 2030 and Reshaping?

- 7.1 The report enables efficient decision making which directly supports service delivery for the Council's Audit Plan and thus implementation of Vale 2030 and the Council's Reshaping Programme.

8.0 How does this support the Five Ways of Working?

- 8.1 All recommendations are monitored ensuring ongoing oversight, accountability and alignment with the Council's well-being objectives and national well-being goals.

Resources

9.0 Finance

- 9.1 There are no financial factors to consider as a direct result of this report.

10.0 Workforce

10.1 There are no workforce factors to consider as a direct result of this report.

11.0 Legal

11.1 Does an Equalities Impact Assessment need to be completed? If not, why?

An Equalities Impact Assessment has not been completed because this report relates solely to the functions of the Governance and Audit Committee and does not propose any changes to policy, service delivery, or operational practices that would give rise to identifiable equality impacts.

12.0 Key Contacts

12.1 Who are the primary officers to contact with any comments and/or queries on the report?

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Appendix

Appendix A – Decision Tracking 2024/25

Appendix B – Decision Tracking 2025/26

Appendix C – Decision Tracking 2026/27

Background Documents

none

Meeting Date	Report Title	Resolution by Governance and Audit Committee	Completed/Outstanding
23rd September 2024	GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE SELF-ASSESSMENT OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS	Report noted and training programme for members of Governance and Audit Committee to be devised.	ONGOING - TRAINING PROGRAMME DEVISED = IMPLEMENTATION DUE.

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APPENDIX B

Meeting Date	Report Title	Formal Resolution or Informal Action	Resolution or Action requested by Governance and Audit Committee	Completed/Outstanding
15th September 2025	Reporting Arrangements for Joint Committee Meetings	Formal Resolution	T H A T the Council's Head of Democratic Services, alongside the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services, undertake a review of outside representatives and lay members within Council Committees in order to increase participation and review their responsibilities, especially regarding the call-in procedure, and to try and increase the participation and representation of members of the public within the Council's processes.	Ongoing - review commencing - outputs to be implemented for 2026/27 Municipal Year.
23rd February 2026	Corporate Risk: Quarter 3 Update	Formal Resolution	T H A T a report on the risk and governance aspects around the regeneration schemes be provided to Committee at its meeting in June	Ongoing - composite report to be presented to Committee on 20th July 2026.
13th April 2026	Governance and Audit Committee Decision and Action Tracking.	Formal Resolution	T H A T in regard to the South East Wale Corporate Joint Committee, for their Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer to be invited to provide an update overview to the Governance and Audit Committee in relation to progress with the production of their Annual Statement of Accounts.	COMPLETED - response considered by Governance and Audit Committee - 22nd June 2026.
13th April 2026	Governance and Audit Committee Decision and Action Tracking.	Formal Resolution	T H A T a formal request be made to the South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee to provide to the Governance and Audit Committee an unredacted version of the review report produced following the litigation case to the award of the tender for the former Aberthaw Power Station site.	Ongoing - formal request submitted for the report to be shared for the Governance and Audit Committee meeting on 20th July 2026.
13th April 2026	Governance and Audit Committee Decision and Action Tracking.	Formal Resolution	T H A T the Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee write to the Auditor General for Wales on behalf of the Committee, expressing concern regarding the £6.5 million payout following the judicial review and ask what actions Audit Wales would be taking to provide reassurance around the public funding that had been lost.	Ongoing - awaiting resposnse from Audit Wales.

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Meeting Date	Report Title	Formal Resolution or Informal Action	Resolution or Action requested by Governance and Audit Committee	Completed/Outstanding
22nd June 2026	Audit Wales: Recruitment & Retention Challenges – The Right People at the Right Time?	Formal Resolution	Report noted and referred to Cabinet.	Ongoing. To be considered by Cabinet on 23rd July 2026.
22nd June 2026	Audit Wales: Recruitment & Retention Challenges – The Right People at the Right Time?	Informal Action	The Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development to provide further data and information relating to workforce risk including key pressure areas for recruitment and retention, the target approaches to reduce risk and evidence of improvement and the declining risk trend. In addition, data represented on the Human Resources Dashboard, such as gaps in vacancies, would also be shared with Committee Members outside of the meeting.	Ongoing - information request sent to Head of Human Resources.
22nd June 2026	Corporate Risk: Quarter 4 Update and End of Year Position on Risks.	Formal Resolution	Report noted and referred to Cabinet.	Ongoing. To be considered by Cabinet on 23rd July 2026.
22nd June 2026	Corporate Risk: Quarter 4 Update and End of Year Position on Risks.	Formal Resolution	T H A T additional information be provided to the Governance and Audit Committee relating to the Scrutiny review into Additional Learning Needs Resource Bases.	Ongoing - To be considered for the Governance and Audit Committee meeting scheduled for 21st September 2026
22nd June 2026	Corporate Risk: Quarter 4 Update and End of Year Position on Risks.	Formal Resolution	T H A T a review of the risk scoring relating to the Climate Change Risk to be undertaken.	Ongoing - To be considered for the Governance and Audit Committee meeting scheduled for 21st September 2026
22nd June 2026	Q4 2025/26 Progress Against External Regulatory Recommendations.	Formal Resolution	Report noted and referred to Cabinet for endoresment.	Ongoing. To be considered by Cabinet on 23rd July 2026.
22nd June 2026	Q4 2025/26 Progress Against External Regulatory Recommendations.	Formal Resolution	T H A T the Director of Corporate Resources considers providing future iterations of the Quarter position earlier to the Governance and Audit Committee.	COMPLETED - passed to the Director of Corporate Rsources for actioning.
22nd June 2026	Governance and Audit Committee Decision and Action Tracking.	Formal Resolution	Report noted.	COMPLETED
22nd June 2026	Governance and Audit Committee Decision and Action Tracking.	Formal Resolution	T H A T the response letter from the then Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government (Appendix C), concerning the financial impact of the Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Act 2026, be noted.	COMPLETED
22nd June 2026	Governance And Audit Committee Self-Assessment.	Formal Resolution	Report noted.	COMPLETED
22nd June 2026	Annual Internal Audit Report 2025/26.	Formal Resolution	Report endorsed.	COMPLETED
22nd June 2026	Internal Audit Annual Strategy and Risk Based Plan 2026/27.	Formal Resolution	Report approved	COMPLETED
22nd June 2026	Recommendation Monitoring Report.	Formal Resolution	Report noted.	COMPLETED
22nd June 2026	Forward Work Programme.	Formal Resolution	Report endorsed.	COMPLETED