

Appendix 3: Governance and Audit Committee Recommendations in response to the Annual Well-being Report 2021/22 and Cardiff Council response

Recommendation	Date Raised	Management Response
<p>1. We recommend that the draft Strategic Assessments under each Wellbeing Objective are reviewed to: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ensure the overall evaluative conclusions are explicitly recorded, b. consider if they provide sufficient emphasis on outcomes. 	10.10.22	<p>The Strategic Assessment section of each Wellbeing Objective in the Annual Wellbeing Report 2021/22 was reviewed following Committee and amended to provide a stronger evaluative assessment of performance.</p> <p>In the development of the Annual Wellbeing Report for 2022/23 the Council has endeavoured to ensure that the strategic assessments provide an evaluative assessment of the progress and risks in each Wellbeing Objective, with additional detail provided on performance against outcome indicators as part of the narrative update.</p>
<p>2. The Committee recognises the well-structured and comprehensive self-assessment process. However, we recommend the Council considers if the Annual Well-Being Report adequately records conclusions on the extent to which it meets its “performance requirements” namely: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. It is exercising its functions effectively, b. It is using its resources economically, efficiently and effectively, c. Its governance is effective for securing the above 	10.10.22	<p>In response to the Committee’s recommendation the Council clarified in the Annual Wellbeing Report 2021/22 that it considers that the self-assessment process and the Annual Well-being Report ensures that Council is meeting the statutory performance requirements.</p> <p>In June 2023 the Council facilitated a workshop for Committee members on the Planning and Performance Framework which included information on how the Council is responding to the new statutory performance requirements contained in the Local Government and Elections and the requirements of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act.</p> <p>The Annual Wellbeing Report 2022/23 includes a new section which sets out the statutory requirements, the Council’s performance arrangements and an overview of the performance and concludes that the Council has, through the publication of its Well-being Report, met these statutory duties.</p>
<p>3. It is considered that the narrative self-assessment within the “Key Successes” sections have an emphasis on input activities, we recommend that for future annual Self-Assessment Reports, that the Council consider whether a stronger focus on outcomes can be applied.</p>	10.10.22	<p>The Council has reviewed and amended the structure of the document following feedback to make it more readable. As a result, the ‘Key Successes’ section under each Wellbeing Objective has now been removed, with the progress, challenges and risks and next steps for each ‘sub-heading’ or issue considered as a single narrative update. In effect, the structure change to the document allows specific issues to be considered in the round and ensure that the performance assessment is less fragmented. In doing so, the Council has sought to ensure an appropriate balance between input, output and outcomes is presented and the Committee’s feedback is welcomed on both this specific issue and the overall structure of the report.</p>