Comisiwn Democratiaeth a Ffiniau Cymru
Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru

Annual Governance Statement 2025/26

Public summary of how we are governed, who is accountable, and how we ensure things are done properly.

OVERALL CONCLUSION

Governance was good during 2025/26, with regular checks, management of risks, positive responses from auditors and continued improvement as the Commission took on new responsibilities.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR THE PUBLIC

This statement explains how choices are checked, public money is managed, and risks are handled. It shows the Commission follows the law, uses its budget properly, and is responsible to the public and the Welsh Government.

KEY MESSAGES FROM 2025/26

1. **Strong governance**
   The Commission is managed well and follows rules and best practice
2. **Clear oversight**
   The Commission and its Governance and Audit Committee checked delivery, finance, and risk.
3. **Active risk management**
   The Commission's capacity, cyber, public understanding and vote.wales delivery were reviewed.
4. **New responsibilities**
   Responsibilities were supported by stronger planning and assurance by the Commission.
5. **Positive audit assurance**
   Internal audit said controls to manage risks were reasonable and effective.
6. **Transparency**
   Meeting notes and important documents were shared where appropriate.

HOW ACCOUNTABILITY WAS SHOWN

LEADERSHIP	Our meetings checked how we are completing our work and how we manage money and risks.
RISK	We keep an eye on business and operational risks and make sure any outstanding actions to reduce them are completed.
AUDIT	The findings were looked over, and the suggestions were accepted to make the Commission run better.
CYBER SECURITY	The right systems were in place to keep the Commissions systems and information safe.
TRANSPARENCY	Papers were made public so people could see and question the Commission's work.

CHALLENGES HANDLED DURING THE YEAR

We handled new duties, election work, talking to stakeholders, purchasing, cyber security, and Welsh Elections Information Platform projects by keeping a closer eye on things, planning better, checking our work, and reviewing risks often.

In short: governance will keep changing in 2026/27.