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About this document

- 1 This document provides the Audit and Governance Committee of Isle of Anglesey County Council (the Council) with an update on current and planned Wales Audit Office work. It covers financial and performance audit work together with information on the Auditor General's programme of national value-for-money examinations.

Financial audit update – Isle of Anglesey County Council

- 2 **Exhibit 1** provides members of the Audit and Governance Committee with a brief overview of the financial audit work reported to the Council. Progress against the planned key outputs and milestones from financial audit outputs and milestones, as set out in the draft outline, is summarised in **Exhibit 1**.

Exhibit 1: delivering the 2016-17 financial audit work

| Planned output | Planned start date | Planned reporting date | Report finalised |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Audit Deliverables document | February 2017 | March 2017 | March 2017 |
| Audit of Financial Statements report | June 2017 | September 2017 | September 2017 |
| Opinion on the Financial Statements | June 2017 | September 2017 | September 2017 |
| Whole of Government Accounts | July 2017 | September 2017 | September 2017 |
| Financial Accounts Memorandum | September 2017 | October 2017 | October 2017 |
| Annual Audit Report | October 2016 | November 2017 | November 2017 |

Performance audit work 2016-17 – Isle of Anglesey County Council

Exhibit 2: performance audit work 2016-17 – Isle of Anglesey County Council

| Activity | Scope | Status |
|---|---|--|
| Audit Plan | Plan of performance audit work for 2016-17. | Complete – Corporate Governance Committee March 2016. |
| Improvement Plan Audit | Audit of the discharge of the Council's duty to publish an improvement plan. | Complete – Review complete. Certificate issued. |
| Assessment of performance | Audit of the discharge of the Council's duty to publish an assessment of performance. | Complete – see above. |
| Annual Improvement Report (AIR) | Report from the Auditor General for Wales reviewing the Council's performance and arrangements. | Published June 2017. |
| Thematic Study: Financial Resilience | Focus: Savings Plans. | Local report issued February 2017. |
| Thematic Study: Governance | Focus: Governance of significant service changes. | Local report issued June 2017. |
| Thematic Study: Transformation | To gather the views of officers about the key issues they face in dealing with change/transformation. | Project complete. Feedback to Chief Executive Spring 2018. |
| Local Government Improvement Study – Improving wellbeing through housing adaptations | Fieldwork completed. | Publication Winter 2018. |

| Activity | Scope | Status |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Local Government Improvement Study – Strategic commissioning of learning disability services by local authorities | Fieldwork completed. | Publication Winter 2018. |
| Local Government Improvement Study – How local government manages demand – Homelessness services | Fieldwork completed. | Published January 2018. |

Performance audit work 2017-18 – Isle of Anglesey County Council

Exhibit 3: performance audit work 2017-18 – Isle of Anglesey County Council

| Activity | Scope | Status |
|---|--|--|
| Audit Plan | Plan of performance audit work for 2017-18. | Report finalised March 2017. |
| Improvement Plan Audit | Audit of the discharge of the Council's duty to publish an improvement plan. | Complete – Certificate issued April 2017. |
| Assessment of performance | Audit of the discharge of the Council's duty to publish an assessment of performance. | Complete – Certificate issued November 2017. |
| Annual Improvement Report (AIR) | Report from the Auditor General for Wales reviewing the Council's performance and arrangements. | To be published Summer 2018. |
| Thematic Study: Well-being of Future Generations (WFG) – Baseline assessment | The Year One Commentary: the Wales Audit Office will gather evidence on how the 44 bodies are beginning to respond to the requirements of the WFG Act and identify examples of notable emerging practice. The work will be designed to support improvement and inform future audit work under the Act. | Fieldwork complete. National summary report Spring 2018. |
| Thematic Study: Scrutiny – Fit for the Future | This review will examine the impact of the WFG Act on the work of scrutiny committees. | To take place throughout the 2017-18 audit year. Project Brief issued. Fieldwork to be completed January 2018. |

| Activity | Scope | Status |
|---|--|---|
| Thematic Study: Service user review Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS). | This project will test the service-user interface at all authorities. The review will evaluate what it feels like (as a member of the public) to deal with council services, involving a selection of services and scenarios. In addition the purpose of this local overview is to determine whether the Council has effective arrangements in place to enable it to continue to meet the WHQS. | To take place throughout the 2017-18 audit year. Fieldwork complete. Draft report to be issued February 2018. |
| Local Work: Wylfa Newydd readiness and its impact on Corporate Capacity. | This project will focus on the Council's capacity and readiness to support the delivery of the Wylfa Newydd project within the context of the Energy Island Programme and the Council's wider strategic objectives. The review will acknowledge progress and notable practice elements, but may also highlight areas of risk that the Council has yet to consider and/or where external support may add value by enhancing the Council's resilience. | Fieldwork complete. Draft report to be issued February 2018. |
| Local Government Improvement Study – Integrated Care Fund | The Intermediate Care Fund has recently been renamed as the Integrated Care Fund (ICF). The review will look at the governance arrangements associated with the ICF at both a national level and at a local level through the regional partnership boards. | Project Brief to be issued. |

| Activity | Scope | Status |
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| Local Government Improvement Study – Using data effectively | This study will primarily focus on the role of local authorities on how effective they are at managing and using data. It will also consider how effective authorities are at accessing and using data held by partners. It is recognised, however, that councils are at very different stages in terms of how they use data. This audit will therefore assess each local authority on their performance identifying how well authorities are currently performing in collecting data, analysing data and using data to support decision-making and the use of resources. | Project Brief issued – June 2017. Survey issued to Isle of Anglesey County Council in Autumn 2017. |
| Local Government Improvement Study – How well do public bodies provide services to rural communities | This review will focus on assessing how effective public organisations in Wales are in working together to assess needs, identify priorities, deliver and maintain the provision of key operational services to meet the needs of people in rural communities. | Project Brief issued – June 2017. Survey issued to Ynys Môn in Summer 2017. Fieldwork planned for 2018. |

| Activity | Scope | Status |
|---|---|--|
| National Wales Audit Office reports: 2017-18 reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public procurement landscape review • Waste management (waste prevention) • Supporting People programme • Implementation of the NHS Finances (Wales) Act 2014 (integrated medium term planning) • NHS Wales informatics services • Access to public services with the support of specialist interpretation and translation • Preparations for the implementation of fiscal devolution in Wales (follow-on report) | <p>Supporting People report published August 2017.</p> <p>Public procurement report published November 2017.</p> <p>Preparations for the implementation of fiscal devolution in Wales (follow-on report) published December 2017.</p> <p>Remaining Reports being drafted.</p> <p>Publication Winter/Spring 2018.</p> |
| National Wales Audit Office reports: 2018-19 reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Services • EU Structural Funds 2014-2020 • EU Rural Development Programme • GP out of hours services • Primary care services | <p>To be published in 2019.</p> <p>To be published in 2018.</p> <p>To be published in 2018.</p> <p>To be published in 2018.</p> <p>To be published in 2018.</p> |

Other inspection work 2017-18 – Isle of Anglesey County Council

Exhibit 4: other inspection work 2017-18 – Isle of Anglesey County Council

| Activity | Scope | Status |
|----------------------|---|---|
| 2017-18 Estyn | Apart from local school inspection programme no inspection of the Isle of Anglesey County Council education service has yet been announced. | GwE follow-up report published November 2017. |
| 2017-18 CSSIW | Nationally CSSIW are doing a joint review of community mental health services. No local follow-up work in Isle of Anglesey County Council has yet been announced. | National report. |

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