

Performance work programme update for Audit Committee 5 February 2013

Isle of Anglesey County Council

Improvement Study – Effectiveness of Scrutiny

This project is ongoing involving our central review team. Anglesey's peer learning exchange team will be visiting two committees in Conwy over the next couple of months, while Gwynedd's team will be visiting two committees in Anglesey. Feedback is scheduled between March and September 2013 supported by a national report.

Improvement Study – Preparation of Annual Governance Statement

The fieldwork for the project is complete. Local feedback for Anglesey will be provided in February, however we would suggest a common format for local feedback. A suggestion is to feed back to the 'practitioners' first, and then summarise with the CE and DCE at a subsequent meeting. The Audit Committee may wish to hear our findings at a future date. National feedback across Wales is due in May 2013 and the Wales Audit Office is planning several shared learning events for Council officers and members in July 2013.

Testing and Audit of Council's Performance Assessment Publication

This work is complete and forms part of the Improvement Assessment Letter 2 (IA Letter 2) under the Measure. This is a review of how well the Council has reported on its performance in the last year. The letter has been issued and is on the agenda of the Audit Committee.

Audit of Self-evaluation Mechanisms

This work forms part of the Annual Improvement Report (AIR) scheduled for February 2013. It looks at how robust the Council self-evaluates itself.

Inspection of Housing and Council Tax Benefit

The work is complete and feedback has been provided directly by the central review team. The findings from the review will form part of the Annual Improvement Report (AIR) planned for completion at the end of February 2013.

Collaboration

This study will take place towards the end of this financial year and early in 2013-14. It will focus on the extent to which local authorities in North Wales and the BCU Local Health Board are working together to prevent falls among older people. The prevention of falls is likely to reduce future costs to both social service and the NHS, as well as improving the quality of life for older people.

Work specific to Anglesey

Homelessness

The review is nearing completion and the findings will be reported later this year and be included in the Improvement Assessment Letter 1 (IA Letter 1).