

Improvement Assessment Letter 1 – Improvement planning

This is a review of the Council's improvement plan arrangements to secure continuous improvement. The letter, is generally produced following the publication of the Council's improvement plan. Work has commenced and the draft letter is due by the end of July 2013. As there was an election this year, the Council has delayed the production of its improvement plan until Autumn 2013. This is similar to the arrangements last year with other Welsh authorities. The letter will therefore provide an assessment of progress.

Improvement Assessment Letter 2 - Testing and Audit of Council's Performance Assessment Publication

This is a review of how well the Council has reported on its performance in the last year. The letter will also provide a commentary of the Data Quality Audit. The letter will be produced by November 2013.

Annual Improvement Report

The Annual Improvement Report (AIR) summarises all the work carried out by the Wales Audit Office as well as that carried out by relevant regulators, such as Estyn, CSSIW and Welsh Language Commissioner. The Annual Improvement Report is to be produced in January/February 2014.

Data quality review

The review was previously known as the PI audit. It is a review of systems to ensure accuracy of performance information and, includes a selection of performance indicators. Work has commenced and will be reported through local feedback and in IA Letter 2 in November.

Improvement study – Safeguarding

Review of whole authority governance and management arrangements for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The study will provide local feedback and national report. Timing is to be confirmed.

Local Government National Study –Welfare reform

Review of arrangements to manage the impact of welfare reform. This study will be conducted at a number of selected Councils and may involve a data return for all authorities. A national report and briefing paper is normally produced. Timing is to be confirmed.

Local Government National Study - Delivering with less – the impact on services and citizens

First of a series of national studies into specific service areas to examine how best use is being made of diminishing resources. This study will be conducted at a number of selected Councils and may involve a data return for all authorities. A national report and briefing paper is normally produced. Timing is to be confirmed.

Work specific to Anglesey

Homelessness

A brief review of Homelessness was conducted before the election. The findings will be reported through local feedback and included in the IA Letter 1.

Local review

Review of the effectiveness of relationships between councillors, and between councillors and officers following the 2013 elections. The work will be conducted November/December 2013 and will be reported through local feedback and, in the Annual Improvement Report.