

#### Improvement Assessment Letter 1 – Improvement planning

The review is complete and Letter issued.

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

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 Council's Improvement Plan and Data Quality Audit. The Letter will be completed in December 2013 with feedback to the subsequent Audit Committee.

#### 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 AIR will be produced in January/February 2014.

#### Data quality review

A review of a selection of performance indicators and systems to ensure accuracy of performance information. The review is complete and to be reported through local feedback and in IA Letter 2 in December 2013.

#### Corporate Assessment

The second year of the four-year cycle of corporate assessments commences in 2014. Six corporate assessments are planned for 2014-15, and Anglesey is included. The proposed period of the corporate assessment is Winter 2014/15.

#### Improvement study – Safeguarding

This study is planned and will focus on the robustness of councils' internal management arrangements to assure themselves that safeguarding arrangements are working effectively. The study will be conducted across all 22 authorities. The main outputs from the study will be a national report on the findings from the local work and a short summary report for each council consisting of the main findings from the fieldwork. The study will take place between December 2013 and February 2014.

#### Local Government National Study – Welfare reform

The study will focus on preparing to deal with the impact of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 and look at how well local government has planned for the introduction of welfare reform by tracing the implications on social housing. Nine authorities across Wales have been identified and does not include Anglesey. All councils have been notified of the study and fieldwork is planned to take place in phases, between December 2013 and February 2014.

### **Local Government National Study - Delivering with less – the impact on Environmental Health Services and citizens**

All councils have been notified of the study and fieldwork is planned to take place between November 2013 and the end of January 2014. The work will assess the impact of cuts in resources on environmental health services to determine how well they are managing with less. The work is planned to take place across all 22 councils in Wales, but will not require detailed fieldwork with the delivery being managed and coordinated centrally.

### **Effectiveness of scrutiny**

This is a 2012-13 study. A national report has been drafted and is currently progressing through internal QA. It is anticipated that the report will be published shortly after the national scrutiny conference, which was held on November 28<sup>th</sup> 2013.

### **Annual Governance Statement**

This is a 2012-13 study. The work is complete and local summaries finalised and distributed to councils. A national report is being drafted and should be published in autumn 2013. Wales Audit Office is working with some LG reference partners to develop an on-line resource to assist councils in carrying out reviews of governance arrangements.

### **Local Government Study - NEETS (young person who is not in education, employment, or training)**

This is a 2012-13 study.

Eight councils were included in the fieldwork, not including Anglesey. The findings from the local government element of this study will feed into a national report covering both the findings from the local government and value for money studies and is planned for publication in early 2014.

### **Local Government Study - Managing the financial challenge**

The draft report has been circulated for clearance and is currently progressing for publication. It is anticipated that the report will be finalised for publication during December 2013. There will be no specific feedback to individual councils as part of this exercise.

## Work specific to Anglesey

### Local review

Review of the effectiveness of relationships between councillors, and between councillors and officers following the 2013 elections. The work is planned for January 2014 and will be reported through local feedback and, in the AIR.