

Performance work programme update for Audit Committee 4 February 2014

Isle of Anglesey County Council

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. The Letter was issued on 19th December 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 AIR will be produced in January/February 2014.

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 in early 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. Fieldwork has commenced and PwC have sent out detailed landlord and council surveys to the main housing association providers in Wales and all 22 Welsh councils, a total of 62 separate surveys. Fieldwork is due for completion in February. Anglesey is not included as a fieldwork site.

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

The fieldwork should be complete by mid-February. A report will be published and the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health have agreed to launch the report conclusions at their Welsh conference on May 7th and 8th 2014.

Effectiveness of scrutiny

This is a 2012-13 study. A national report is due to be published by March 2014.

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 due to be published by March 2014.

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

This is a 2012-13 study. The study is complete and publication of the report is due by March 2014.

Local Government Study - Managing the financial challenge

The report was published on 28th January 2014.

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 early 2014 and will be reported through local feedback and, in the AIR.