

Wales Audit Office Regulatory Programme up-date: September 2013

WAO performance audit work 2013-14		Update
'Improvement Plan' Audit	Review of the Council's published plans for delivering on improvement objectives. Leads to publication of a letter ("IAL1"). This is copied to the Welsh Government Minister for Local Government and Government Business.	The review has been completed and draft letter issued. Officer response received, publication expected by 13 September 2013.
'Assessment of Performance' Audit	Review of the Council's published performance assessment, including testing and validation of performance information. Leads to publication of a letter ("IAL2"). This is copied to the Welsh Government Minister for Local Government and Government Business.	Work is in progress. WAO letter will be issued by 30 November 2013.
Data quality review	Review of systems to ensure accuracy of performance information (incl. performance indicator audit)	Work completed, results will be incorporated in the "IAL2" to be issued by 30 November 2013
Improvement study – Safeguarding	Review of whole authority governance and management arrangements for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults	WAO is in the process of developing the methodology. Probable local reporting February 2014.
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	WAO is in the process of developing the methodology. Probable local reporting February 2014.

WAO performance audit work 2013-14 continued		Update
Local Government National Study – Welfare reform	Review of arrangements to manage the impact of welfare reform	National study being undertaken by Pricewaterhousecoopers on behalf of the Auditor General. Probable local completion by March 2014.
Local Study	Scope and focus to be determined.	Focus of local study to be discussed with Managing Director October 2013
Annual Improvement Report	Collation of the findings of WAO letters and reports together with those of other regulators published during the previous year.	Draft by March 2014.

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