

## CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

### WALES AUDIT OFFICE PERFORMANCE AUDIT PROGRAMME 2014-15

Improvement Assessment 2014-15	Output	Status
<b>Corporate Assessment</b>	<b>Local Report</b>	Site work confirmed first two weeks November. WAO to lead with PWC support.
<b>Improvement Planning</b>	<b>Certificate to confirm compliance with LG Measure</b>	Audit of Council's Improvement Plan undertaken early June Certificate of compliance issued 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2014.
<b>Performance Reporting</b>	<b>Certificate to confirm compliance with LG Measure</b>	Audit of Council's Annual Report 2013/14 to take place in October/November 2014 following its publication by the Council.
Local Government All Wales /National Studies 2014/2015	Output	Status
<b>Financial Planning Assessment</b> To assess whether authorities have robust approaches in place to manage the budget reductions to secure a stable financial position that enable them to continue to operate for the foreseeable future	<b>National Report and Local Summary</b>	<b>In progress:</b> Local report in draft
<b>Delivering with less</b> – A study involving all 22 local authorities to answer the headline question: <b>Are councils effectively delivering their leisure and recreation services with fewer resources?</b> The focus of the study is on tracking changes in leisure service provision in the last decade.	<b>National Report</b>	<b>In Development:</b>

<p><b>Independence of older people</b> Are Councils working effectively to minimise demand for social care and health services for older people and supporting them to live independently?</p>	<p><b>National Report</b></p>	<p><b>In Development:</b> Review is being developed in conjunction with Older Persons Commissioner in Wales (OPCW) and CSSIW; latter will be working with PwC to deliver fieldwork.</p>
<p><b>Regional Education Consortia</b> Alongside Estyn's 'thematic survey report to evaluate work of regional school improvement service. Purpose of Study is to assess whether the Welsh Government's arrangements for regional consortia are likely to deliver the intended improvement in support to schools and local authorities.</p>	<p><b>Findings will be reported to the Welsh Government Public Accounts Committee</b></p>	<p><b>In Progress:</b> Site work timing – Visits to Consortium 8-11 December 2014.</p>
<p><b>Safeguarding</b></p>	<p><b>National and Local Summary</b></p>	<p><b>In Progress:</b> Anticipated publication date October 2014 Local Safeguarding report issued to Council to check factual accuracy; response received from Council 12<sup>th</sup> September and amendments accepted by WAO. Local Report now to be finalised and published early October 2014.</p>
<p><b>Whistleblowing</b> Whistle blowing relating more to Governance framework and issues.</p>	<p><b>National report</b></p>	<p><b>In Progress:</b> Site work underway – findings to contribute to national summary report. Local feedback arrangements to be confirmed.</p>
<p><b>Impact of Welfare Reform on social housing</b></p>	<p><b>National Report, shared learning event.</b></p>	<p><b>In Progress:</b> National report anticipated publication - October 2014. No local output available for this review.</p>
<p><b>Delivering with less – the impact on Environmental Health Services and citizens</b></p>	<p><b>National Report and Local Summary feedback</b></p>	<p><b>In Progress:</b> Anticipated that National Report will be published October 2014; local summaries to be published shortly after.</p>

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