

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

Wales Audit Office performance audit programme 2014-15

Improvement Assessment 2014-15	Output	Status
Corporate Assessment	Local Report	Site work completed November 2014. WAO supported by PWC. Drafting report and consolidating evidence
Improvement Planning	Certificate to confirm compliance with LG Measure	Audit of Council's Improvement Plan undertaken early June Certificate of compliance issued 27 th June 2014.
Performance Reporting	Certificate to confirm compliance with LG Measure	Audit of Council's Annual Report 2013/14 to take place in October/November 2014 Certificate of compliance issued 18 th November 2014
Local Government All Wales /National Studies 2014/2015	Output	Status
Financial Position Assessment 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	National Report and Local Summary	Final local report issued to Council 12 th January 2015. Will be included in the Corporate Assessment Report Drafting National Report
Delivering with less – A study involving all 22 local authorities to answer the headline question: Are councils effectively delivering their leisure and recreation services with fewer resources? The focus of the study is on tracking changes in leisure service provision in the last decade.	National Report	In progress - Work to be delivered by WAO, PwC and KPMG.

Local Government All Wales /National Studies 2014/2015 (continued)	Output	Status
Independence of older people Are Councils working effectively to minimise demand for social care and health services for older people and supporting them to live independently?	National Report	In Progress: Review is being delivered by PwC. Swansea has not been selected as a fieldwork site
Regional Education Consortia 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.	Findings will be reported to the Welsh Government Public Accounts Committee	In Progress: Site work timing – Visits to Consortium 8-11 December 2014.
Local Government All Wales /National Studies 2013/2014	Output	Status
Safeguarding	National and Local Summary	Local Safeguarding report finalised and published early November 2014. National report being drafted
Whistleblowing Governance framework.	National report	Paragraphs issued to Council 17 th October 2014 for information They will be incorporated in Corporate Assessment Report
Impact of Welfare Reform on social housing	National Report, shared learning event.	National Report published 5 th January 2015 (link to WAO website below). No local output available for this review. http://www.wao.gov.uk/publication/managing-impact-welfare-reform-changes-social-housing-tenants-wales
Delivering with less – the impact on Environmental Health Services and citizens	National Report and Local Summary feedback	National Report was published 28 th October 2014 ((link to WAO website below) local summaries published shortly after. http://www.wao.gov.uk/publication/delivering-less-%E2%80%93-impact-environmental-health-services-and-citizens

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