

City and County of Swansea Council

WAO 2015-16 work programme update for February 2016

Item no.	Project	Description	Update	Timescale
1	Corporate Assessment Follow up	Review progress against proposals for improvement published in June 2015	In progress	Complete by June 2016
2	Financial Resilience	Lines of enquiry will be focussed on the following aspects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Planning • Financial Control • Financial Governance • Key Financial Indicators 	Fieldwork completed in November and report being drafted	Feb 2016
2015-16 Improvement Assessment				
3	Corporate Improvement Plan Audit	Review Council arrangements to secure continuous improvement, its progress against previous proposals for improvement and the setting of improvement objectives for the year	IAL1 letter of certification	Completed
4	'Improvement Plan' Audit	Review of the Council's published plans for delivering on improvement objectives	IAL2 letter of certification	Completed
5	Annual Improvement Report (AIR)	Annual report summarising the audit work undertaken in the last year which also includes a summary of the key findings from reports issued by 'relevant regulators'	In progress	June 2016

2014-15 Local Government Studies				
6	The strategic approach of councils to income generation and charging for services	Study of councils' strategic approach to charging; the approval process for setting and reviewing charging within a council; the impact of charging on services and service users; and the legislative basis for charging.	In progress	Publish July 2016
7	Council funding of third-sector services	Study of the level of investment in voluntary sector services to benchmark findings against 2009-10 and earlier assessments; review of the measures used to judge the effectiveness of funding in a tracer area; review decision making processes to determine whether the principles of good governance in funding third sector services are being followed. A key component for the work is the formation of a steering group with membership drawn from WCVA, Citizen Advice, WLGA/LGDU and WAO.	In progress	Publish August 2016
8	The effectiveness of local community safety partnerships	Study of the effectiveness of community safety partnerships and the impact of the work of partnerships in delivering improvement within their communities. The review will be delivered at a Welsh Government; Police and Crime Commissioner; and local authority level.	In progress	Publish June 2016
9	National Report recommendation follow up	Follow up councils' progress on implementing recommendations contained in our national studies published in 2014-2015.	In progress	Complete by June 2016

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