



Report of the Head of Communications & Marketing

Special Audit Committee – 26 May 2020

WAO Proposals for Improvement: Six-month status update July to December 2019

Purpose:	The report presents an overview of the status of Swansea Council's response to earlier proposals for improvement made by WAO to provide assurance to the Committee on progress.
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1. Background

- 1.1 The Audit Committee requested a regular overview on the status of the Council's response to earlier WAO proposals for improvement.

2. Overview of progress

- 2.1 This is the fifth six monthly report (July – December 2019), which reviews progress and describes next steps to meet the proposals for improvement previously made by WAO in reports concerning Swansea Council.
- 2.2 The detail is set out in Appendix A.

3. Future Reports

- 3.1 All WAO local performance audit reports and relevant national WAO reports (i.e. those with recommendations for local government) and action plans to address WAO proposals for improvement are now scheduled as a matter of course into the Scrutiny work programme.

- 3.2 WAO local performance audit reports and relevant national WAO reports (i.e. those with recommendations for local government) will also go to Audit Committee **for information purposes only** once reported to Scrutiny. The Committee may decide to prioritise and track specific proposals / recommendations in addition to the oversight provided by Scrutiny; this process does not include the WAO reports that would ordinarily go to Audit Committee.
- 3.3 This arrangement should provide Scrutiny, Audit Committee, Members and WAO with assurance that there is a consistent, proportionate and sustainable system in place to ensure that the Council responds and puts in place action plans to address any WAO recommendations and that these are appropriately challenged and followed-up.

4. Equality and Engagement Implications

- 4.1 There are no direct equality and engagement implications from this report.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no direct legal implications.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications.

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Background papers: *None*

Appendices: Appendix A - WAO Proposals for Improvement: Six-month status update report July to December 19