

REGULATORY REPORTS 2016/17 OVERVIEW

Regulatory Body	Published date	Name of Report	Findings	Council Response	Timescale for Completion	Responsible Officer	Where Reported & When	Actions Undertaken	Current Status
Wales Audit Office	June 2016	Annual Improvement Report – June 2016 Annual Improvement Report 2016	<p>Extracts from summary Despite increasing financial pressures, the Council has continued to improve performance within its priority areas and to strengthen its corporate arrangements.</p> <p>The Auditor General believes that the Council complies with the requirements of the Measure and is likely to comply with the requirements of the Measure and secure improvement during 2016-17.</p> <p>Despite increasing budget pressures the Council continues to make good progress against its priority areas and maintains compliance with the Local Government Measure 2009.</p> <p>7 proposals for improvement were noted as a continuation from the previous year's Corporate Assessment.</p>	<p>Updated Council response against the 7 Proposals for Improvement.</p> <p>Council response</p>	March 2017	Chief Executive / Karen Armstrong	Cabinet (July 2016) Audit Committee (September 2016)	Action Plan is in place to support all 7 proposals for improvement	GREEN
Wales Audit Office	July 2016	Annual Improvement Plan audit Review of the Council's published plans for delivering on improvement objectives	The Council has complied with its statutory improvement planning duties.	None	Not applicable	Chief Executive / Karen Armstrong	Not applicable	None required.	GREEN
Wales Audit Office	August 2016	National Report – The financial resilience of Councils in Wales Financial Resilience - national report	<p>Based on the findings of this audit, the Auditor General has concluded that since the last review local authorities are improving their strategic planning arrangements but are having difficulty in developing and delivering the savings and changes to services at the pace required to ensure future financial resilience.</p> <p>In the report of 2014-15, a number of recommendations for local authorities were made. Many of these recommendations remain relevant and further work is required from authorities to address them in 2016-17.</p>	Not required - FCC not specifically mentioned in the report.	Not Applicable	Chief Executive / Gary Ferguson	Not applicable	Self assessment against national recommendations	GREEN
Wales Audit Office	October 2016	National Report - Community Safety Community Safety	Based on the findings of this audit, the Auditor General has concluded that complex responsibilities make it difficult for public bodies to co-ordinate a strategic approach	The WAO's review of Community Safety reflected the national position, however	Ongoing	Sian Jones	Regional Safer Communities Board	Regional plan to be developed.	GREEN

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		Wales	<p>to community safety, which weakens collective leadership and accountability and undermines the potential to help people stay safe.</p> <p>The complexities of the lines of accountability means that no single body either leads on or takes responsibility for all aspects of community safety within Wales.</p> <p>Judging how organisations are improving community safety is difficult. There are no statutory indicators or measures for community safety and no single agency has overall responsibility.</p>	<p>many of the recommendations contained in the report have already been introduced and implemented in North Wales (prior to the publication of the review).</p>			(February 2017)		
Wales Audit Office	November 2016	<p>Annual assessment of performance audit</p> <p>Review of the Council's published performance assessment.</p>	<p>The Council has complied with its statutory improvement reporting duties.</p>	None	Not applicable	Chief Executive / Karen Armstrong	Not applicable	None required	GREEN
Wales Audit Office	January 2017	<p>Savings Planning</p> <p>Review of the Council's financial savings arrangements, including how well it is delivering the required savings and whether it has robust approaches to plan, manage and deliver budget savings, at a pace that supports financial resilience.</p> <p>Financial Resilience: Savings Planning</p>	<p>The Council has a sound financial planning framework and it continues to strengthen its financial planning to better support future financial resilience: We came to this conclusion because:</p> <p>Savings achievement 2015-16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Council has reported achievement of 83% of its planned 2015-16 savings in year and can demonstrate that individual savings have been delivered <p>Financial planning arrangements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Council has an effective corporate framework for financial planning and plans to lengthen the term of the MTFS to five years to address the current lack of indicative plans for future years <p>Savings Plan 2016-17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Council forecasts that it is will achieve 90% of its 2016-17 revised planned savings but some of its savings proposals are not sufficiently well developed when the budget is approved. 	<p>Financial Resilience - Council response</p>	Ongoing	Chief Executive / Gary Ferguson	<p>Cabinet (February 2017)</p> <p>CROSC (March 2017)</p>	<p>All actions identified in the Council response have been followed through.</p>	GREEN

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			<p>Proposal for Improvement:</p> <p>P1: Strengthen financial planning arrangements by ensuring that all savings proposals are sufficiently developed before the start of the financial year in which they are to be implemented.</p>						
Wales Audit Office	To be published	Good Governance when determining service changes – report to be received	With the introduction of CIPFA's revised framework for 'Delivering good governance in local government', and the requirement for councils to adopt the sustainable development principle from April 2016, this review will provide councils with a baseline from which to plan improvements to governance	Response to be provided once report received					
Wales Audit Office	To be published	Corporate Assessment Follow-up	Review of the actions taken by the Council in response to proposals for improvement in the 2015 corporate assessment report	Response to be provided once report received					