

## City of Cardiff Council

WAO work programme update - October 2017

WAO Performance Audit local work programme for 2016-17					
Item no.	Project	Description	Update	Timescale	Actual Date
1	<b>Corporate Assessment Follow on</b>	Follow up the Proposals for Improvement from our Corporate Assessment Report published in 2016.	Complete. Report issued to Council	July 2017	11 September 2017
2016-17 Improvement Assessment					
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2	<b>Annual Improvement Report (AIR)</b>	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'.	Complete Report issued to Council	July 2017	11 September 2017
WAO Performance Audit work programme for 2017-18					
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3	<b>Year one commentary on Well-being Future Generations (WFG (Wales) Act 2015</b>	Gather evidence on how the 44 public bodies in Wales are beginning to respond to the requirements of the WFG Act and identify examples of notable emerging practice.	<p>Document review completed.</p> <p>Call for Evidence received from the Council on 25 September 2017</p> <p>Interview with the Chief Executive and Leader to be scheduled between 25 September and 17 November 2017</p> <p>A national report will be published in March 2018</p> <p>National event in spring 2018 to share WAO findings and to highlight examples of notable emerging practice.</p>	Summer 2018	
4	<b>Overview and Scrutiny – Fit for the Future? 2017-18</b>	<p>National themed review in all 22 welsh councils.</p> <p>This review will examine the impact of the WFG Act on the work of scrutiny committees including PSB scrutiny, facilitating improvement and sharing of good practice.</p>	Project brief issued	Draft report March 2018	
5	<b>Service User Perspective Review</b>	<p>National themed review in all 22 welsh councils.</p> <p>This review will enable the WAO to gain assurance and insight into the extent to which</p>	Research underway. Discussions ongoing with Council to agree service area.	Draft report March 2018	

		services respond to the needs and expectations of service users both in their design and delivery. We will examine how service users feel they are able to influence the design and delivery of services and what changes to the services would help to better meet their needs.			
6	<b>Aligning Levers of change / local work</b>	The purpose of this review is assist the Council in addressing current challenges in implementing change with the aim of supporting the development of local action that promotes positive practices and identifying barriers. In implementing change and the identification of any barriers that need to be addressed, this review will also select a number of corporate arrangements to assess how these are being embedded in service areas.	Project brief to be issued	Timescales TBD	
7	<b>Digital Risk</b>	An overview of the level of digital risk the Council faces. The diagnostic will be used by the Wales Audit Office to identify 'potential' digital risks and issues at the Council. Potential risks identified will be used to focus auditors on areas where further, more specific IM&T performance work might be needed.		TBD	
<b>2017-18 Improvement Assessment</b>					

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8	<b>Improvement Plan – certificate of compliance</b>	Review Council arrangements to secure continuous improvement, its progress against previous proposals for improvement and the setting of improvement objectives for the year	Complete	April 2017	24 April 2017
9	<b>Assessment of Performance – certificate of compliance</b>	Review of the Council’s published plans for delivering on improvement objectives		November 2017	
10	<b>Annual Improvement Report (AIR)</b>	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’		TBD	
<b>2016-17 Local Government Studies</b>					
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11	<b>Addressing dependency and demand for public services through the development of effective prevention approaches</b>	<p>We will review how adaptations prevent access to and speed up discharge from hospitals. The work will look at how health use adaptations to underpin their activity as well as how efficient and effective organisations are at procuring and delivering adaptations work.</p> <p>The study is seeking to answer the following main question: <b>Is there an effective strategic approach to housing adaptations that delivers</b></p>	Cardiff not a selected fieldwork site	Drafting	

		<b>value for money and assures the continued wellbeing of vulnerable people?</b>			
12	<b>Strategic Commissioning</b>	The review will focus on learning disability schemes as a tracer in local authorities and will assess how effectively strategic commissioning is being delivered. Fieldwork will focus on both the corporate approach to strategic commissioning but also use findings from the tracer area to understand how effective operational arrangements are. We are working with CSSIW and SSIA and will be building on recent national inspection and support work on learning disabilities.	Cardiff was a selected fieldwork site.	Drafting	
13	<b>Managing Demand - (Improving joint work on housing and health)</b>	The study will focus on a specific tracer area of homelessness in local authorities using the recent prevention duties placed on local authorities to judge how demand for services is managed.	Cardiff not selected as a fieldwork site	WAO internal clearance	
<b>2017-18 Local Government Studies</b>					

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14	<b>Integrated Care Fund</b>	A review of the integrated care fund at both a local and national level.	Early stages of scoping		
15	<b>Using data effectively</b>	Review will primarily focus on the role of local authorities in how effective they are at managing and using data to support decision-making and the use of resources.	Project brief issued June 2017		
16	<b>How well do public bodies provide services to rural communities</b>	This review will assess how well public bodies are working together to assess needs, identify priorities, deliver and maintain the provision of key operational services to meet the needs of people in rural communities.	Cardiff not included in this review		
<b>National Studies Update</b>					
Item no.	Project and description		Update and link to report		
17	<b>Welsh Government oversight of further education finances and delivery</b>		Published <a href="#">The 21st Century Schools and Education Programme   Wales Audit Office</a>		
18	<b>Public Procurement</b>		Clearance		
19	<b>Waste management</b>		Drafting		

20	<b>Early intervention and public behaviour change</b>	Drafting
21	<b>Savings Planning in Wales</b>	Published <a href="#">Savings Planning in Councils in Wales   Wales Audit Office</a>