

## Cardiff Council

### Audit Committee Update – November 2018

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#### Performance Audit work

2017-18 performance audit work	Scope	Status
<b>Overview and Scrutiny – Fit for the Future</b>	This review examined the impact of the WFG Act on the work of scrutiny committees including PSB scrutiny, facilitating improvement and sharing of good practice.	Complete.
<b>Service User Review</b>	To gather evidence and insight into the extent to which services respond to the needs and expectations of service users both in their design and delivery.	Complete.
<b>Digital transformation workshops</b>	The purpose of this review is to assist the Council in understanding and addressing current challenges in implementing its digital change programme with the aim of supporting the development of corporate ownership and action that promotes positive practices. Implementation of this review will bring the opportunity to refine current arrangements in the Council by promoting what is working well, identifying any barriers to change and developing local improvement opportunities.	Complete.
<b>Housing/WHQS Local Project</b>	To determine whether the Council has effective arrangements in place to enable it to engage with residents in meeting the WHQS by 2022.	Reporting.
<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	Reporting.

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	auditors on areas where further, more specific Information management and technology related performance work might be needed.	

2018-19 performance audit work	Scope	Status
<b>Improvement Plan audit</b>	Checks Council compliance with Local Government Measure (Wales) 2009 requirement to publish a self-assessment of performance in the previous year by 31 October.	Certificate issued to Council May 2018
<b>Performance Plan audit</b>	Checks Council compliance with Local Government Measure (Wales) 2009 requirement to set improvement objectives.	Not started. Due October/November 2018
<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'	Not started. Likely timescales June/July 2019
<b>Delivering Capital Ambition</b>	Ongoing review and monitoring of the Council's change programme.	Underway
<b>Assurance and risk assessment</b>	Project to identify the level of audit assurance and/or where further audit work may be required in future years in relation to risks to the Council putting in place proper arrangements to secure value for money in the use of resources.	Underway

<b>Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 (WFG Act) examinations</b>	Examination of the extent to which the Council has acted in accordance with the sustainable development principles when taking steps to meet the following wellbeing objective: Cardiff has a high quality city environment where population growth and transport needs are managed sustainably	Underway
<b>Environmental health</b>	Review of the arrangements the Council has put in place to deliver environmental health services building on the study previously undertaken by the Auditor General as part of the 'delivering with less' themed studies.	Planning
<b>Leisure services</b>	Review of the arrangements the Council has put in place to deliver leisure services building on the 'study previously undertaken by the Auditor General as part of the 'delivering with less' themed studies.	Planning
<b>Corporate safeguarding arrangements</b>	Review of the effectiveness of corporate safeguarding arrangements building on the study previously undertaken by the Auditor General in this area.	Planning
<b>2017-18 Local Government Studies</b>	<b>Scope</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Services to rural communities</b>	The study will focus on whether local government uses its resources to deliver services that meet the needs of rural communities today and in the longer term. Cardiff has not been selected to take part in the detailed fieldwork of this study.	Report publication date 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2018.
<b>Using data effectively</b>	This study will seek to identify whether councils' corporate management arrangements for managing and using data are leading to better decision making in the use of resources. The study will collect information from all councils in Wales.  A short survey was issued to the following respondents across all councils in Wales	In progress.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. corporate management teams</li> <li>2. ICT Managers</li> <li>3. Information Officers</li> <li>4. Policy Officers</li> <li>5. Operational Managers</li> <li>6. and Elected Members</li> </ol> <p>The survey closed on 15th December. Face-to-face or telephone interviews with officers undertaken.</p>	
<b>2018-19 Local Government Studies</b>	<b>Scope</b>	<b>Status</b>
First point of contact assessments under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014	<p>The Welsh Government introduced the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (the 2014 Act), which focuses on reforming and simplifying the law relating to social services. The 2014 Act introduced new duties for local authorities, local health boards and other public bodies and covers adults, children and their carers, and came into force on 6 April 2016. The study will review first point of contact and assessments for adult social care.</p> <p>Detailed fieldwork in five local authorities. We are planning to undertake fieldwork in Cardiff City Council, Denbighshire County Council, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, Pembrokeshire County Council and Carmarthenshire County Council</p>	Underway.
Tackling violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence	In 2015 the Welsh Government passed the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act (the 2015 Act). The overarching objective of the 2015 Act is to improve the Public Sector response to violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence; provide a strategic focus on these issues; and ensure consistent consideration of preventative, protective and supportive	Underway

	<p>mechanisms in the delivery of services. The review will focus on determining whether local authorities and their partners are effectively working together to prevent gender-based violence and domestic abuse, and protecting all of the people involved.</p> <p>Our fieldwork sites are Swansea City and County Council, Conwy County Borough Council, Flintshire County Council, Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, South Wales Police and South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority</p>	
Planning Services: Improving the wellbeing of Wales	<p>Planning services are an important part of the democratic jigsaw that allows the detailed consideration of proposals to improve the economic prospects of the nation. Good planning decisions can have a positive impact on the wellbeing of people and places. Poor planning decisions can have a detrimental impact on people's wellbeing and can stifle economic development. This study will provide independent assurance that planning authorities are supporting sustainable development and delivering for the future long-term wellbeing of their communities and for Wales</p> <p>We are planning to undertake fieldwork in Bridgend County Borough Council, Gwynedd County Council, Newport City Council, Torfaen County Borough Council and Ceredigion County Council.</p>	Underway

National Studies	Update and link to report
Waste management	Recycling module (clearance); waste prevention (clearance) and waste treatment infrastructure modules (published 11 <sup>th</sup> October <a href="#">Link</a> )
NHS Wales informatics services	Published 10 January 2018. <a href="#">Link</a> to published report
Access to public services with the support of specialist interpretation and translation	Published 25 April 2018. <a href="#">Link</a> to published report
Early intervention and public behaviour change	Drafting

Welsh Government business finance	Clearance (phase 1)
Primary care	Published April 2018. <a href="#">Link</a> to published report
Youth services	Drafting
Rural Development Programme 2014-2020	Clearance
European Structural Funds Programme 2014-2020	Published August 2018 <a href="#">Link</a>
Integrated Care Fund	Drafting