

CITY OF CARDIFF COUNCIL CYNGOR DINAS CAERDYDD

AUDIT COMMITTEE:

16 SEPTEMBER 2015

**TITLE: Wales Audit Office Audit of the City of Cardiff Council's
2015-16 Improvement Plan**

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES

AGENDA ITEM: 6.3

Reason for this Report

To present the Certificates of Compliance issued to the Council as part of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 (the Measure).

Background

Under the Measure, the Council is required to prepare and publish an Improvement Plan describing its plans to discharge its duties to:

- make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the exercise of its functions
- make arrangements to secure achievement of its improvement objectives
- make arrangements to exercise its functions so that any performance standard specified by Welsh Ministers is met

The Measure requires the Council to publish its Improvement Plan as soon as is reasonably practicable after the start of the financial year to which it relates, or after such other date as Welsh Ministers may specify by order.

The Council is responsible for preparing the Improvement Plan and for the information set out within it. The Measure requires that the Council has regard to guidance issued by Welsh Ministers in preparing and publishing its plan.

Under sections 17 and 19 of the Measure the Auditor General carries out an audit of the Improvement Plan, and has to certify that he has done so, and to report whether he believes that the Council has discharged its duties to prepare

and publish an Improvement Plan in accordance with statutory requirements set out in section 15 and statutory guidance.

Wales Audit Office Findings

The Auditor General has set out that he believes that the Council has discharged its duties under section 15(6) to (9) of the Measure and has acted in accordance with Welsh Government guidance sufficiently to discharge its duties.

Reason for Report

To provide assurance to the Audit Committee that the Council has discharged its obligations under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009

Legal Implications

There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Audit Committee is asked to note that the Council has received the WAO Certificates of Compliance

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The following appendix is attached

Appendix 1 Wales Audit Office Audit of the City of Cardiff Council's 2015-16 Improvement Plan