

CITY OF CARDIFF COUNCIL CYNGOR DINAS CAERDYDD

AUDIT COMMITTEE: 22 MARCH 2016

Update on Wales Audit Office Work Programme (Improvement)

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES

AGENDA ITEM: 6.1(b)

PORTFOLIO: CORPORATE AFFAIRS

Reason for this Report

To provide the Audit Committee with an update on the improvement work conducted by the Wales Audit Office (WAO) for 2015/16.

Background

The Auditor General for Wales undertakes a range of audit work in relation to improvement under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009. The audit work falls into three categories

- National studies
- Local government studies
- Specific work in local authorities

In October 2015 the Council introduced a 'Tracker' to capture the output of regulators, in this case the work of the Wales Audit Office, which is maintained by the Improvement and Information Team.

This 'Tracker' sets out the programme of Wales Audit Office work together with the indicative timeframes for reports, the reports received, recommendations/proposals for improvement, the officer allocated as the lead officer within the Council (dependent on subject matter), and evidence of the actions being taken.

Work Programme

During 2015/16 the following work was scheduled to be delivered:

- Financial Resilience (National Study)
- Review of Corporate Safeguarding Arrangements (National Study)
- Welfare Reform (National Study)
- Delivering with Less – Leisure (National Study with local summary)
- Regional Consortia (National Study with local summary)
- Picture of Public Services (National Study)
- Independence of Older People (National Study with local summary)
- Public Procurement of national procurement (National Study)
- Welsh Government Interventions in Local Government (National Study)

The following reports were received by the Council:

- Review of Corporate Safeguarding Arrangements (National Study) was presented to the Childrens and Young People's Scrutiny Committee and to the Cabinet
- Welfare Reform (National Study) was presented to Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee, the Cabinet and to Audit Committee as part of the Agenda of 23rd July 2015
- Financial Resilience (National Study) was presented to Audit Committee as part of the Agenda on 16th September 2015
- Delivering with Less – Leisure (National Study with local summary) is on the Audit Committee Agenda for this meeting
- Regional Consortia (National Study with local summary) is on the Audit Committee Agenda for this meeting
- Picture of Public Services (National Study) is on the Audit Committee Agenda for this meeting
- Corporate Assessment including the Certificates of Compliance and Data Quality Review (Council specific) is on the Audit Committee Agenda for this meeting

The following reports are currently outstanding:

- Independence of Older People (National Study with local summary)
- Management of Direct Payments for Adults (Local Government Study and local summary)
- Public Procurement of national procurement (National Study)
- Welsh Government Interventions in Local Government (National Study)

Reason for Report

To present the update on the Auditor General's improvement work programme and provide the Committee with confidence that the Council is having due regard for the findings.

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

To note the work of the Auditor General and identify any issues which the Audit Committee consider relevant to their work programme.

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