

AUDIT COMMITTEE: 19 September 2016

WAO TRACKER/OTHER STUDIES

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES

AGENDA ITEM: 8.1

Reason for this Report

1. The Audit Committee's Terms of Reference requires that members consider specific reports as agreed with the external auditors.
2. This report has been prepared to provide Audit Committee members with an update on the programme of work planned to be conducted by the Auditor General during 2016/17.

Background

3. 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
4. In October 2015 the Council introduced a 'Tracker' to capture the output of regulators, in this case the work of the Wales Audit Office. This 'Tracker' sets out the programme of Wales Audit Office work, together with the indicative timeframes for reports, the reports received.

Work Programme

5. The following Local government studies are anticipated to be completed during the remaining part of 2016/17:
 - Financial Position and Resilience (follow up study)
 - Council Funding of Third Sector Services
 - Strategic Approach of Councils to Income Generation and Charging for Services
 - Strategic Commissioning
 - Public Procurement and the National Procurement Service
 - Waste Management
 - School Places and Capital Investment In Schools

Reasons for Recommendations

6. To present the update on the Auditor General's improvement work programme and to provide the Committee with confidence that these reports will be presented to the relevant committee as they become available.

Legal Implications

7. There are no legal implications arising from this report

Financial Implications

8. There are no financial implications arising from this report

Recommendations

9. 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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The following Background Document has been taken into account:
Appendix A - Auditor General for Wales Annual Plan 2016/17