

EXECUTIVE BOARD
28TH SEPTEMBER 2015

Wales Audit Office Annual Improvement Report 2014/15

Purpose: Receive the Annual Improvement Report for 2014/15 for Carmarthenshire County Council

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To accept the report.

Reasons:

Each year, the Auditor General must report on how well Welsh councils, fire and rescue authorities, and national parks are planning for improvement and delivering their services. Drawing on the work of the Wales Audit Office (WAO) and that of relevant Welsh inspectorates, this report presents a picture of improvement over the last year.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted N/A

Exec Board Decision Required YES – 28/09/15

Council Decision Required YES – 14/10/15

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr Emlyn Dole - Leader

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1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

Each year, the Auditor General is required to audit the improvement planning and reporting arrangements of Welsh councils and to assess whether each authority will meet statutory continuous improvement duties

The Annual Improvement Report (AIR) summarises the audit work undertaken at Carmarthenshire Council Council since the last such report was published in July 2014.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?	YES
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IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Wendy Walters

Assistant Chief Executive Regeneration and Policy

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

To comply with the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 we published a combined Annual Report and Improvement Plan that provided :-

- an evaluation and assessment of our previous years performance 2013/14
- an Improvement Plan for 2014/15

Our regulators Wales Audit Office must produce an Annual Improvement Report which assesses whether we have met our duty under the Measure.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

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(Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings)

1. Scrutiny Committee

None

2. Local Member(s)

None

3. Community / Town Council

None

4. Relevant Partners

None

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

None

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009		http://wales.gov.uk/docs/dsjlg/publications/localgov/100713part1lg.pdf
Carmarthenshire County Council's - Annual Report and Improvement Plan		http://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/846036/Full_ARIP_Report_15-16.pdf