

Report to	<b>Executive Panel</b>
Date	<b>22/10/18</b>
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Subject	<b>Wales Audit Office Annual Improvement Report 2017/18</b>



## **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1 To present to members the annual improvement report from the Auditor General for Wales. The published annual improvement report discharges the Auditor General's duties in accordance with the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 by summarising his audit and assessment work.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 2 Based on, and limited to, the work carried out by the Wales Audit Office and relevant regulators, the Auditor General believes that the Authority has discharged its improvement planning duties in 2017/18 and is likely to comply with the requirements of the Local Government Measure (2009) during 2018/19.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3 Members are asked to note the annual improvement report.

## **BACKGROUND**

- 4 The Auditor General is independent of government, and is appointed by Her Majesty the Queen. The Auditor General undertakes his work using staff and other resources provided by the Wales Audit Office. The Wales Audit Office is held to account by the National Assembly.
- 5 Together with appointed auditors, the Auditor General audits local government bodies in Wales, including unitary authorities, police, probation, fire and rescue authorities, national parks and community councils. He also conducts local government value for money studies and assesses compliance with the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009.

## INFORMATION

- 6 In determining the breadth of work undertaken during the year, the Wales Audit Office considered the extent of accumulated audit and inspection knowledge as well as other available sources of information including North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority's own mechanisms for review and evaluation.
- 7 During the course of the year, the Auditor General did not make any formal recommendations. However, a number of proposals for improvement had previously been suggested and were in relation to updating the policy and guidance for white fleet vehicles.

## IMPLICATIONS

Wellbeing Objectives	None identified.
Budget	None identified.
Legal	The AIR reflects the Authority's duty under the Local Government Measure 2009 to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the exercise of its functions.
Staffing	None identified.
Equalities/Human Rights/ Welsh Language	None identified.
Risks	No risks of non-compliance identified as the report concludes that the Authority is likely to comply with the requirements of the Local Government Measure (2009) during 2018/19.