

**BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Wales Audit Office performance work programme 2014-15**

<b>Improvement Assessment 2014-15</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Local Study:</b> Cost Reduction - arrangements for identifying and making savings.	<b>Local Report</b>	<b>In progress:</b> Project Brief agreed and proposed on site dates September 2014
<b>Local Study:</b> Arrangements for outsourcing services/seeking alternative service delivery models	<b>Local Report</b>	<b>In progress:</b> Project Brief agreed and proposed on site dates September 2014
<b>Local Study:</b> Ensuring Performance Management drives further improvement	<b>Local Report</b>	<b>In progress:</b> Project Brief agreed and proposed on site dates September 2014
<b>Improvement Planning</b>	<b>Certificate to confirm compliance with LG Measure</b>	<b>Complete.</b> Audit of Council's Improvement Plan undertaken early June. Certificate of compliance issued 27.6.14
<b>Annual Reporting</b>	<b>Certificate to confirm compliance with LG Measure</b>	<b>Scheduled for November 2014</b> Audit of Council's Annual report to be undertaken following its publication in October
<b>Local Government All Wales /National Studies 2014-15</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Financial Position Assessment</b> To assess whether authorities have robust approaches in place to manage the budget reduction to secure a stable financial position, enabling them to continue to operate for the foreseeable future.	<b>National Summary Report and Local Report</b>	<b>In Progress:</b> Local Report in draft – to be published in September 2014
<b>Delivering with less – Leisure Services</b> The focus of the study is on tracking changes	<b>National Report</b>	<b>In Development:</b> A study involving all 22 local authorities to answer the headline question: <b>Are councils effectively delivering their leisure and recreation services with fewer resources?</b>

<p>in leisure service provision in the last decade. For the purpose of this study, the term 'council leisure services' to mean sports and recreation services provided directly or indirectly (under-written by a partnership agreement or contract). The substantial work will be delivered by WAO, PwC and KPMG.</p>		
<p><b>Independence of older people</b> The focus of the study will be on services provided by councils outside of social care that contribute to supporting older people to live independently.</p>	<b>National Report</b>	<b>In Development:</b> A study involving all 22 local authorities to answer the headline question: <b>Are Councils working effectively to minimise demand for social care and health services for older people and supporting them to live independently at home?</b>
<p><b>Regional Education Consortia (A VFM Study)</b> Alongside Estyn's 'thematic survey report to evaluate work of regional school improvement service. Purpose of Study is to assess whether 'the Welsh Government's arrangements for regional consortia (are) likely to deliver the intended improvement in support to schools and local authorities.'</p>	<b>National Report</b>	<b>In Development:</b> Site work to take place with visits to Consortium 24-27 November 2014.
<b>Local Government All Wales /National Studies 2013-14</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>Status</b>
<p><b>Whistleblowing</b> Whistle blowing relating more to Governance framework and issues.</p>	<b>National Report</b>	<b>In Progress:</b> Draft reporting underway – findings contributing to national summary report. Local feedback ( including paragraph for inclusion in national report) to be confirmed
<b>Safeguarding</b>	<b>National Report and Local Summary</b>	<b>In Progress:</b> Anticipated publication date late September/October 2014.

<b>Impact of Welfare Reform on Social Housing</b>	<b>National Report and Shared Learning Event</b>	<b>In Progress:</b> National report anticipated publication September/October 2014.
<b>Delivering with less – the impact on Environmental Health Services and citizens</b>	<b>National Report and Local Summary</b>	<b>In Progress:</b> Anticipated that National Report will be published October 2014; local summaries to be published shortly after.

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