

### **Improvement Plan Audit**

Audit of discharge of duty to publish an improvement plan. This replaces the Improvement Assessment Letter 1 (IAL1).

Timing – Completed and reported in June 2014.

### **Assessment of Performance Audit**

Audit of discharge of duty to publish an assessment of performance. This replaces the Improvement Assessment Letter 2 (IAL2).

Timing – Completed and certificate issued on 2 December 2014.

### **Corporate Assessment**

The second year of the four-year cycle of corporate assessments commences in 2014. Anglesey's corporate assessment is planned for Winter 2014-15 and is a review of the Council's capacity and capability to deliver continuous improvement. The corporate assessment will replace the need for a separate Annual Improvement Report in 2015. The project brief has been issued to the Council.

Timing – Planned fieldwork week 23 February 2015.

### **Financial Position review**

Financial position work focussing on financial health, the effectiveness of budget setting arrangements, financial governance systems and progress/track record in delivering on required savings.

Timing – Completed and reported to Council in November 2014.

National summary - This study will summarise local work on councils' financial position and give an all-Wales picture of financial resilience. Expected completion by the end of 2014.

### **Governance review**

A local review of the effectiveness of scrutiny and Programme Board arrangements. This work will feed into the corporate assessment.

Timing – In progress throughout November 2014 and January 2015 and forms part of the Corporate Assessment.

### Performance management review

Review of the effectiveness of joint Local Service Board arrangements for Isle of Anglesey and Gwynedd County Councils.

Timing – December 2014 to January 2015. The study was delayed to allow some transformation arrangements to take place.

### Local Government studies

#### **Joined-up working to address Health and Social Care demand – Independence of Older People**

This study will focus on supporting older people to maintain their independence outside of the health and care system by assessing how effective ancillary services are at supporting them to live independently.

Timing – The study has commenced and the project brief has been circulated to all councils.

#### **Delivering with less – Leisure Services**

This study will track the levels of investment in leisure services over the last few years using the methodology developed for the 2013-14 delivering with less study on environmental health services.

Timing – The study has commenced and the project brief has been circulated to all councils.

### Previous Local Government studies 2013-14

#### **Delivering with less – the impact on Environmental Health Services and citizens**

The study is complete and the local report will be issued to the Council in early December 2014.

#### **Welfare reform**

The study is complete and there will be no local specific output from this work, only a single national level report.

#### **Safeguarding**

The study is complete and the main outputs from the study will be a national report and a short local summary consisting of the main findings from the fieldwork. A local report will be issued to the Council in early December 2014.

## Work specific to Anglesey

### Local review

#### Finance

A local review of financial management resources. A key strand of our Corporate Assessment will focus on the Council's management of its financial resources. However, the proposed timing of our Corporate Assessment will be too late for its conclusions to inform the Council's planning for 2015-16. The Council has therefore agreed that we should review the robustness of its financial management arrangements during early 2014-15.

Timing – Complete and a draft report was issued to the Council in November 2014.

## Other regulators

### CSSIW

No inspections planned at present.

### Estyn

No plans to review Anglesey. However, Estyn is undertaking a thematic review of the regional school improvement service (GwE) across North Wales during the week beginning 12 January 2015. This review will include interviewing stakeholders from each of the six local authorities, including Anglesey.