

Report to	Audit Committee
Date	16 December 2024
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Subject	Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009



PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 The purpose of this report is to confirm to Members of the North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority (the Authority) the outcome of the external audit of the Authority's Assessment of 2022-23 Performance, as required by the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 (the Measure).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2 Under the Measure, the Authority is required to annually publish an assessment which describes its performance:
 - in discharging its duty to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the exercise of its functions;
 - in meeting the improvement objectives it has set itself;
 - by reference to performance indicators specified by Welsh Ministers, and self-imposed performance indicators; and
 - in meeting any performance standards specified by Welsh Ministers, and self-imposed performance standards.
- 3 The Annual Performance Assessment was presented to Members at the Authority meeting of 16 October 2023.
- 4 The improvement measures are subject to audit by Audit Wales who in accordance with section 17 of the Measure and Audit Wales' Code of Audit Practice.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5 Members are asked to:
 - i) Note the audit letter which confirms that the Authority has discharged its responsibilities under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009.

BACKGROUND

- 5 The Measure requires the Authority to publish its assessment before 31 October in the financial year following that to which the information relates.

INFORMATION

- 6 The audit letter set out in Appendix 1 confirms that Audit Wales has concluded its work and is satisfied that the Authority has discharged its responsibilities.
- 7 The delay in certification was due to sickness absence within Audit Wales, and resourcing issues in back filling the role.

IMPLICATIONS

Wellbeing Objectives	This report confirms that the Authority has met its statutory obligations under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009
Budget	None – historic activity
Legal	The Audit Wales report confirms that the Authority has met its statutory obligations
Staffing	None
Equalities/Human Rights/Welsh Language	None
Risks	None