

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



## 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 2023-24 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 21 October 2024.
- 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.

## 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