

<b>Report To:</b>	Corporate Governance Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	20 November 2019
<b>Lead Member / Officer:</b>	Lead Member for Wellbeing and Independence & Lead Member for Education, Children's Services and Public Engagement & Lead Member for Planning, Public Protection and Safer Communities / Corporate Director Communities
<b>Report Author:</b>	Corporate Director Communities
<b>Title:</b>	WAO Review of Corporate Arrangements for Safeguarding

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## **1. What is the report about?**

The report sets out the key issues arising from the Wales Audit Office (WAO) review of Denbighshire County Council's Corporate Arrangements for Safeguarding. A copy of the full review letter is attached at Appendix I.

## **2. What is the reason for making this report?**

To ensure that the Committee is aware of the review of the corporate arrangements for safeguarding including areas of progress, areas for improvement and risk.

## **3. What are the Recommendations?**

It is recommended that Members consider the WAO review and consider whether any further scrutiny is required.

## **4. Report details**

4.1 The WAO review of Denbighshire County Council's corporate arrangements for the safeguarding of children and adults sought to seek assurance that the Council has effective corporate arrangements in place for safeguarding.

4.2 The WAO concluded that the Council has effective arrangements for safeguarding, but it needs to improve monitoring and performance reporting.

4.3 Areas identified as requiring improvement are in line with the Director of Social Services' Annual Report and will be embedded within Service Business Plans for 2019 – 2020.

## **5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?**

The inspection provides an external perspective of the Council's performance in relation to corporate safeguarding.

**6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?**

The response to delivering improvement actions will be integrated into the Service Business Plans for 2019-2020. The delivery of these plans will be managed within existing financial resources.

**7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?**

A Well-being Impact Assessment is not required because this report does not ask for a decision that will result in any change for staff or the wider community. WBIA's will be completed on individual priorities if they require projects to commence and/or decisions to be taken.

**8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?**

Scheduled engagement meetings take place with the Senior Management Team for Social Services and Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) which help inform the evaluation as well as assess progress in delivering improvement. In addition both WAO and CIW are invited to attend the annual service challenge meetings.

**9. Chief Finance Officer Statement**

As noted above it is important that any costs relating to the actions are maintained within the annual cash limited budgets for the service agreed on an annual basis.

**10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?**

There are no risks associated with implementing the recommendations of this report.

**11. Power to make the Decision**