Name of Report / Inspection / Review	Recommendations for Local Government	Responsible Officer	Number of accepted recommendations	Publication Date	Date noted by Governance & Audit Committee	Status of Report	Scrutiny Committee responsible for monitoring action plan (or other monitoring arrangements)	Date Presented to Scrutiny	Target date for update to Governance & Audit Committee on the monitoring of progress (for assurance purposes)	Audit Wale sorganisational Response Form and/or date of update received by Governance & Audit Committee on monitoring of progress
From Firefighting to Future-proofing - the Challenge for Welsh Public Services	No Recommendations listed - report shared with relevant officers	N/A	No recommendations	Feb-24	21.03.2024	National	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	R1 The Council should ensure that the information provided to its senior leaders enable them to understand the service user perspective on a broader range of services and policies. The Council should ensure this information is drawn from the diversity of service users.	Noelwyn Daniel	3 Recommendations	Feb-24	21.03.2024	Local	Cabinet	17.04.2024	TBC	
Neath Port Talbot Council - Use of Performance Information: Service User Perspective and Outcomes	R2 The Council should strengthen the information provided to senior leaders to help them evaluate whether the Council is delivering its objectives and intended outcomes. Quality and accuracy of data									ТВА
	R3 The Council needs to assure itself that it has robust arrangements to check the quality and accuracy of the information it provides to senior leaders relating to service user perspective and outcomes									
Sustainable development? – making best use of brownfield land and empty buildings	R1 To enable stakeholders to assess potential sites councils should create a systematic process to find and publicise suitable sites for regeneration: • this should draw on data already held by councils, as well as external data sources to develop a composite and more complete picture of sites; and • where known, key barriers should be named to help efforts to overcome them	N/A	2 recommendations for Welsh Government / 3 recommendations for local government	Jan-24	21.03.2023	National	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	R2 To help ensure that regeneration activity and the shaping of the environment is informed by the needs of communities Councils should increase opportunities for community based involvement in regeneration, both in plan-making and actual development.									
	R3 To provide focus and impetus to developing brownfield sites Councils should review their current regeneration approaches and where appropriate set clearer, more ambitious regeneration policies and targets. Together these should: • set out the approach and expectations of the council; • set out how their approach will be resourced; and • set out how the approach aligns with national policy goals and regional planning priorities. R4 To help enable stakeholders to assess potential sites the Welsh Government should:									N/A
	work with councils to ensure that listings of identified sites for regeneration are reported by council area; and produce a national listing informed by the local listings and through working in conjunction with other public sector bodies.									
	R5 To help inform scrutiny of performance both locally and nationally the Welsh Government should create a national framework for monitoring and assessing levels of brownfield sites being developed compared to levels of sites available and levels of greenfield development									
	R1 Strategic asset management vision and strategy • In developing its new Corporate Asset Management Strategy, the Council should put the Sustainable Development Principle at the heart of its considerations. In particular setting out its long-term vision and the outcomes it wants to achieve over the short, medium and longer term.									

Neath Port Talbot Council - Springing Forward - Strategic Management of Assets	R2 Strategic asset management planning and delivery • Once the Council has agreed its new Corporate Asset Management Strategy it should develop the supporting arrangements to ensure that it has sufficient corporate oversight and a consistent approach to the delivery of its asset objectives across the organisation. R3 Strategic asset management governance and monitoring • To ensure that the Council is able to understand the progress its asset management strategy and arrangements are making and how those are helping to deliver and achieve its Well-being Objectives, it will need to assure itself that its current governance arrangements are sufficient to effectively monitor its progress. • To ensure that it can better understand the progress it is making around its assets, and to determine if it is delivering value for money, the Council needs to: – develop and communicate regular progress monitoring reports; – develop a broader set of asset related measures; and – look for opportunities to benchmark itself against other organisations	Nicola Pearce	3 Recommendations	Dec-23	26.01.2024	Local	TBC	TBC	21.03.2024	ТВА
Neath Port Talbot Council - Springing Forward - Strategic Workforce Managemen (2021-2022)	R1 Workforce planning and delivery: • To ensure there are progression pathways for staff and there is resilience around its business-critical roles, the Council should ensure all services have succession plans and have identified their business-critical roles. R2 Workforce governance and monitoring: • To have a better understanding of the impact of its workforce strategy the Council should develop measures that focus on outcomes and impacts in addition to inputs. • The Council should build on its benchmarking with the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development and consider where there may be opportunities to benchmark its measures and metrics with its peers to ensure it can identify areas of good practice and potential areas for improvement. • To enable the Council to have a clearer understanding of the progress it is making towards meeting its workforce ambitions the Council should assure itself that the Organisational Delivery Board is providing effective oversight and driving integration across related programmes of work.	Noelwyn Daniel	2 recommendation	Dec-23	26.01.2024	Local	Cabinet	14.02.2024	21.03.2024	ORF To be added
Neath Port Talbot Council - Review of Scrutiny	R1 Current model and role of scrutiny: The Council should review its current model for scrutiny to ensure scrutiny can fulfil its broader range of roles and responsibilities. Any revised model should ensure there are opportunities for scrutiny to engage in its wider roles, including for example, in relation to: Policy development Performance monitoring Holding cabinet members to account throughout the decision-making process Following up outcomes of previous recommendations or decisions Public engagement R2 Public Engagement - The Council's scrutiny model should be more citizen focused by strengthening its arrangements for public involvement and engagement in scrutiny. This should include ensuring greater transparency and timeliness about which items will be on the scrutiny committee agendas; and using existing engagement and consultation work to inform its scrutiny work including consideration of scrutiny topics, as part of its scrutiny reviews, in holding cabinet members and decisions to account, and in its performance monitoring roles. R3 Planning and work programme - To enable the scrutiny model to be more citizen focused, the Council should review its arrangements for the way in which scrutiny is planned to ensure scrutiny can independently plan and strategically prioritise its own work programme.	Noelwyn Daniel	5 recommendations	Nov-23	26.01.2024	Local	Council	20.03.2024	TBC	Organisational Response Form - Page 99

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	R4 Support - The Council should review the type of scrutiny support it requires across all areas of the organisation including service areas, to enable scrutiny to perform its wider role and ensure that any resourcing implications arising from any changes to the scrutiny model are understood and planned for.									
	R5 Evaluation - The Council should strengthen its arrangements for assessing the effectiveness and impact of scrutiny.									
Audit Wales Equality Report 2022-23	No recommendations listed	N/A	No recommendations	Nov-23	26.01.2024	National	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neath Port Talbot Council - Digital Strategy Review	R1 Monitoring benefits: If the Council continues with the approach of not stating a timeframe to deliver its Digital, Data and Technology strategy, it should put in place arrangements to: – clearly articulate its short, medium and long term outcomes and intended benefits; – cost its short, medium and long term ambitions and match them with available resources; and – assess if it is delivering the strategy and its intended outcomes at the intended pace.	Noelwyn Daniel	1 recommendation	Oct-23	26.01.2024	Local	Cabinet	28.11.2023	21.03.2024	Organisational Response Form - Page 71
Audit Wales Interim Report 2023-2024	No recommendations listed	N/A	No recommendations	Oct-23	26.01.2024	National	N/A	N/A	N/A	ТВА
Neath Port Talbot Council - Setting of Well-being Objectives	In order to support the effective delivery of and accountability for its WBOs, the Council should: • develop a clearer understanding of when and how partners will support the delivery of its WBOs; • ensure its MTFS 2023-2027 clearly considers how the Council's resources support the delivery of its WBOs and identifies how any future financial risks or savings might impact on the delivery of its WBOs; and • ensue that as it refreshes it CPMF, it looks for opportunities to develop more outcome-focused metrics that will enable it to measure its crosscutting WBOs.	Noelwyn Daniel	1 recommendation	Sep-23	12.10.2023	Local Letter	Cabinet	20.09.2023	21.03.2023	Organisational Response Form - Page 55
Approaches to achieving net zero across the UK	No Recommendations listed - report shared with relevant officers	Nicola Pearce	No recommendations	Sep-23	12.10.2023	National	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Springing Forward: Lessons for our work on workforce and assets	No Recommendations listed - report shared with relevant officers. Awaiting draft local report.	Noelwyn Daniel	No recommendations	Sep-23	12.10.2023	National	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	R1 The Welsh Government should provide greater clarity on the implementation and expectations of the Building Safety Act to ensure local authorities are able to deliver their new responsibilities and duties. This should include: • clarifying the detailed requirements for competency and registration to enable local authorities to plan for these changes; • a specific timetable for development and adoption of Welsh guidance to ensure local authorities and others can deliver their duties; and • the Welsh Government should work with key stakeholders, such as LABC Cymru, to support understanding and implementation when guidance is issued.									
	R2 The Welsh Government should ensure that it has sufficient resources to deliver the legislative and policy changes for Building Safety to reduce implementation risks. Recommendations page 12 'Cracks in the Foundations' – Building Safety in Wales Recommendations									
	R3 The Welsh Government should review the mixed market approach to building control and conclude whether it continues to be appropriate and effective in keeping buildings in Wales safe. This should: • assess the status quo against potential changes, such as the model of delivery in Scotland; • be framed around a SWOT analysis of costs, benefits, threats, and risks; • draw on existing research to identify good practice; and • be published and agree a way forward.									

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udit Wales Annual Plan 2023-2024	R8 Local authorities should review risk management processes to ensure that risks are systematically identified, recorded, assessed, mitigated and subject to regular evaluation and scrutiny. No Recommendations listed	N/A	No recommendations	Apr-23	16.06.2023	National	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	R7 Local authorities should work with partners to make better use of limited resources by exploring the potential for collaboration and regionalisation to strengthen resilience through a cost benefit analysis of partnering with neighbouring authorities, establishing joint ventures and/or adopting a regional model where beneficial. page 14 'Cracks in the Foundations' – Building Safety in Wales Recommendations R8 Local authorities should review risk management processes to ensure that risks are systematically identified, recorded, assessed, mitigated and subject to regular evaluation and scrutiny									
	R6 Local authorities should urgently review their financial management of building control and ensure they are fully complying with Regulations. This should include: • establishing a timetable of regular fee reviews to ensure charges reflect the cost of services and comply with the Regulations; • annually reporting and publishing financial performance in line with the Regulations; • ensuring relevant staff are provided with training to ensure they apply the Regulations and interpret financial reporting correctly; and • revise fees to ensure services are charged for in accordance with the Regulations.									
	R5 Local authorities should develop local action plans that articulate a clear vision for building control to be able to plan effectively to implement the requirements of the Act. The Plans should: • be based on an assessment of local risks and include mitigation actions; • set out how building control services will be resourced to deliver all their statutory responsibilities; • illustrate the key role of building control in ensuring safe buildings and be linked to well-being objectives and other corporate objectives; and • include outcome measures that are focused on all building control services, not just dangerous structures.									
racks in the Foundations' - Building afety in Wales	R4 The Welsh Government should increase its oversight and management of the building control sector to ensure there is a robust assurance system in place for building control and safety by: • creating a national performance framework with clear service standards to promote consistency of service. This should also include outcome measures to monitor performance and an evaluation and reporting framework for scrutiny. • developing a national building safety workforce plan to address the most significant risks facing the sector. This should include regular data collection and publication, as well as coverage of priorities, such as: - a greater focus on trainees to mitigate succession risks; - establishing aligned, national job roles matched to competency levels; - increasing the diversity of the sector to ensure it reflects modern Wales; and - specific funding to enable surveyors to obtain and maintain competence should also be considered. • the Welsh Government should explore with the further education sector how best to provide building control training in Wales to support succession planning, skills development, and competency. page 13 'Cracks in the Foundations' – Building Safety in Wales Recommendations		4 recommendations for local authorities / 4 recommendations for Welsh Government	Aug-23	12.10.2023	National		12.10.2023		