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Dear Gwynne and Ieuan

### **Annual Audit Letter – Isle of Anglesey County Council 2016-17**

This letter summarises the key messages arising from the Auditor General for Wales's (Auditor General's) statutory responsibilities under the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 and my reporting responsibilities under the Code of Audit Practice.

#### **The Council complied with its responsibilities relating to financial reporting and use of resources**

It is the Council's responsibility to:

- put systems of internal control in place to ensure the regularity and lawfulness of transactions and to ensure that its assets are secure;
- maintain proper accounting records;
- prepare a Statement of Accounts in accordance with relevant requirements; and
- establish and keep under review appropriate arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

The Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 requires the Auditor General to:

- provide an audit opinion on the accounting statements;
- review the Council's arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources; and

- issue a certificate confirming that I have completed the audit of the accounts.

Local authorities in Wales prepare their accounting statements in accordance with the requirements of the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom. This Code is based on International Financial Reporting Standards. On 29 September 2017 the Auditor General issued an unqualified audit opinion on the accounting statements confirming that they present a true and fair view of the Council's financial position and transactions. The Auditor General's report is contained within the Statement of Accounts. The key matters arising from the accounts audit were reported to members of the Audit Committee in the Audit of Financial Statements report on the 21 September 2017. The Auditor General does not need to bring anything to your attention in this letter.

**The Auditor General is satisfied that the Council has appropriate arrangements in place to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.**

The Auditor General's consideration of the Council's arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness has been based on the audit work undertaken on the accounts as well as placing reliance on the work completed under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009. The Auditor General will highlight areas where the effectiveness of these arrangements has yet to be demonstrated or where improvements could be made when he publishes his Annual Improvement Report.

**The Auditor General issued a certificate confirming that the audit of the accounts has been completed on 29 September 2017.**

**To date my work on behalf of the Auditor General on the certification of grant claims and returns has not identified significant issues that would impact on the 2017-18 accounts or key financial systems.**

The financial audit fee for 2016-17 is expected to be in accordance with the agreed fee set out in the Annual Audit Plan.

Yours sincerely



**Ian Howse**  
**For and on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales**