

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT LETTER

Introduction

The Wales Audit Office is required, under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 (the Measure) to give an opinion on whether Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority (the Authority) has discharged its duties in respect of improvement reporting and met the requirements of the Measure.

The Auditor General for Wales has recently given his opinion that the Authority has discharged its duties and a copy of his Improvement Assessment letter follows this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

Members are requested to RECEIVE and COMMENT on the Improvement Assessment Letter.

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Dear Tegryn

Improvement Assessment

In my letter of 23 September 2013, I gave my opinion on whether the Authority had discharged its statutory duties in respect of improvement planning.

I am also required, under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 (the Measure) to give an opinion on whether Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority (the Authority) has discharged its duties in respect of improvement reporting and met the requirements of the Measure.

In my opinion, and based on audit work undertaken to date the Authority has discharged its improvement reporting duties under the Measure.

The Authority has discharged its improvement reporting duties under the Measure:

- the Authority published an assessment of its performance during 2012-13 in its *Improvement Plan – Part 2 2012/13* (the Report) before 31 October 2013;
- the Report assesses the Authority's performance in the preceding financial year (2012-13) and sets out how the Authority has sought to discharge its duties under the Measure;
- the Report includes summary evaluations on progress against the Authority's improvement objectives, together with performance information on a number of areas with, where available, comparisons with its own performance in the previous year;
- the Report includes a short section for citizens who want to provide feedback or make comments on the Review; and
- the Report includes information on the ways in which the Authority has sought to collaborate.

Further proposals for improvement/recommendations

No proposals for improvement are being suggested in this letter. We will continue to monitor and report on the progress made by the Authority in implementing the proposals set out in my previous reports and letters.

I will undertake more detailed work on the arrangements that support the Authority's performance management and reporting over the following months and report this, as well as summarising all of my work and that of relevant regulators during 2013-14, in an Annual Improvement Report for the Authority that I will publish by the end of March 2014.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Huw Vaughan Thomas'.

HUW VAUGHAN THOMAS
Auditor General for Wales

CC: Lesley Griffiths, Minister for Local Government and Government Business

John Griffiths, Minister for Culture and Sport

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