

MEETING: **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

DATE: **18 July 2013**

TITLE: **A Register of External Audit Reports**

PURPOSE/RECOMMENDATION: **To consider the register of reports of external auditors**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 One of the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure is that all external auditors' reports are brought to the attention of the Audit Committee with the Committee to approve the benefits of implementing the recommendations noted by the external auditors. This will enable the Audit Committee to ensure an overview of the implementation of the recommendations of the reports and to provide a brief summary for Cabinet.
- 1.2 The following are examples of external audit reports:
- Reports by ESTYN, CyMAL, National Archives  
Report by Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales  
Wales Audit Office Annual Reports  
Occasional Reports by the Audit Office or by other external auditors  
National Reports which refer to Gwynedd Council in their reports
- 1.3 Reports can be totally relevant to Gwynedd or be National reports that include a reference to Gwynedd Council.
- 1.4 In addition, the Scrutiny Committee has requested that we maintain a corporate register of external audit reports, and to present it to the Committee on a six monthly basis.
- 1.5 Presented for consideration is the Register of External Audit Reports on the Council's service since January 2010 (Appendix 1) - it is a combination of annual reports, occasional reports and national reports where Gwynedd Council is referred to.
- 1.6 The lines which have been coloured with a yellow background demonstrate the new inspections which have come to our attention since submitting the register to the Audit Committee on 14 February 2013.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 The Audit Committee is asked to note the contents of the Register of External Audit Reports.