



**POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
15TH APRIL 2014**

**SUBJECT: WELSH GOVERNMENT REPORT: LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES
PERFORMANCE 2012/13**

**REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To brief members on some of the key findings from the published Welsh Government Report: Local Authority Services Performance 2012/13 (Published - January 2014).
- 1.2 To inform members that the report only focuses on a group of pre-selected measures (by the Welsh Government) that relate to Local Authorities and Health Board performance statistics and survey results.
- 1.3 To highlight and inform on Caerphilly's position (put in context) with regards to the information reported.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The attached appendix highlights and compares performance levels in Caerphilly, particularly focussing on: Households with children accepted as homeless. Affordable housing development. Empty homes returned to use. Disabled facilities grants, and our citizen's perception of the Council's quality of service.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The information provided in the Welsh Government report, can be linked to some of the priorities that were outlined in the Council's Annual Performance Report 2012/13 and Improvement Objectives 2012/13.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The Welsh Government Report (presented by the Welsh Government to the Scrutiny Leadership Group on 30th January 2014) briefs the reader using a series of tables and charts, showing Local Authority 'positions' with regards to performance attainment levels and survey results.
- 4.2 This report summarises the content of the Welsh Government Report, extracting the relevant key information pertinent to this scrutiny committee.

- 4.3 The appendix: Policy and Resources Scrutiny – General Information
LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICE PERFORMANCE, details and contextualises the results attained by Caerphilly as reported by the Welsh Government.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no equalities implications to this report that have not been considered or would adversely affect any individual or group who fall under one of the protected characteristics or wider issues as shown in the Council's Strategic equality Plan.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no Financial Implications directly associated with this report.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no personnel implications directly associated with this report.

8. CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 All responses from consultation have been incorporated into this report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 It is recommended that Scrutiny consider the information appended to this report as part of the authority self assessment and evaluation process.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 To ensure the council monitors and understands published information in the context of its intended purpose.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Local Government Measure 2009.

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Background Papers:

Welsh Government: Local Authority Services Performance 2012/13.

Caerphilly County Borough Council: Annual Performance Report 2012/13.

Caerphilly County Borough Council: Improvement Objectives 2012/13.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Policy and Resources Scrutiny – General Information
LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICE PERFORMANCE