

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Picture of Public Services report – Assembly Committee Chair statement

The Chair of the National Assembly's Public Accounts Committee, Darren Millar AM, has released the following statement in response to the Wales Audit Office report – Picture of Public Services:

"The Auditor General's report provides an important overview of the progress that Wales's public services have made since 2011 and the big issues for the coming years.

"There has been positive progress in some areas. But it is disappointing that uncertainty over the future shape of local government has held Welsh Councils back from implementing significant change and that public services more widely have not moved more quickly to transform service delivery.

"The financial outlook may be slightly better than many expected, but public services cannot afford to be complacent.

"The Auditor General makes clear that we still face significant financial and demand pressures here in Wales. Public services will need to respond to key messages that the Auditor General sets out in the report and increase the pace and scale of change to put themselves on a sustainable footing."

The full report Picture of Public Services is available from the Wales Audit Office.