

Barrow Borough Council
Audit and Governance Committee
29 July 2021
Annual Audit Letter

Report from: Director of Resources

Report Author: Director of Resources

Wards: None

1.0 Summary and Conclusions

1.1 The Annual Audit Letter for the year ended 31 March 2020 has been produced by Grant Thornton.

1.2 The Council received an unqualified opinion on the Council's financial statements on 18 March 2021.

1.3 In respect of value for money the Council received a qualified 'except for' conclusion.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Audit and Governance Committee receive the Annual Audit Letter for 2019-2020.

3.0 Background and Proposals

3.1 Grant Thornton have produced the Annual Audit Letter for the year ended 31 March 2020 (**Appendix 1**).

3.2 The Council received an unqualified opinion on the Council's financial statements on 18 March 2021 and the audited documents were placed on the Council's website.

3.3 In respect of value for money the Council received a qualified 'except for' conclusion.

3.4 The opinion stated that the appointed auditors are satisfied that, in all significant respects, except for the matter identified in respect of procurement and contract management, the Council put in place proper arrangements to secure economy,

efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ending 31 March 2020.

3.5 Actions arising from the audit of 2019-2020 will be reported upon in a future report.

4.0 Consultation

4.1 Consultation is not relevant to the recommendation.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 There are no alternative options as the report is presented for noting.

6.0 Contribution to Council Plan Priorities

6.1 In order to be able to deliver Council Plan Priorities the organisation must be sound in terms of internal control and governance and the Audit and Governance Committee is charged with that role.

7.0 Implications

Financial, Resources and Procurement

7.1.1 There are no financial, resource or procurement implications arising from this report.

Legal

7.1.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Equality and Diversity

7.2 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? No, this report is for information.

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Appendices Attached to this Report

Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
1	Annual Audit Letter – Year Ended 31 March 2020