

**Barrow Borough Council**  
***Audit Committee and Governance***  
**29<sup>th</sup> July 2021**  
**Draft Governance Statement**

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**Report from:** *Corporate Support Manager*

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**Wards:** *All wards may be impacted*

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**1.0 Summary and Conclusions**

1.1 The Council has responsibility for ensuring that Council business is conducted with the law and proper standards, and that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for. Part of this governance process is the preparation and publication of an Annual Governance Statement which is a self assessment of how effective we consider our governance arrangements to be. It is a draft document to allow Members to provide feedback, the Final version being presented in September.

**2.0 Recommendation**

Members are invited to consider the draft governance statement and provide feedback

**3.0 Background and Proposals**

3.1 A Management Team consisting of the following Officers were involved in reviewing this draft Annual Governance Statement

- Chief Executive - Head of Paid Services
- Director of Resources - S151 Officer
- Director of People and Place
- Assistant Director - Housing
- Head of Legal and Governance - Monitoring Officer
- Head of Internal Audit

The Council has assessed itself against the principles of good governance that are defined in the Local Code of Corporate Governance.

#### 4.0 Consultation

*Not applicable*

#### 5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 *Not applicable*

#### 6.0 Contribution to Council Plan Priorities

6.1 Good governance underpins the Council Plan priorities and supports its objectives.

#### 7.0 Implications

##### Financial, Resources and Procurement

7.1 There will not be financial implications arising from the governance statement

##### Legal

7.2 There will not be legal implications relating to the governance statement

##### Equality and Diversity

7.3 There are no equality or diversity implications related to this report.

##### Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
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N/A		

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##### Appendices Attached to this Report – *If none, please state none or delete section*

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1	Draft Governance Statement
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##### Background Documents Available

Name of Background document	Where it is available
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