

Barrow Borough Council
Audit and Governance Committee
29 July 2021
Assurance

Report from: Director of Resources

Report Author: Director of Resources

Wards: None

1.0 Summary and Conclusions

1.1 The Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee has provided the appointed auditor with details of how the Audit and Governance Committee gains assurance from management.

1.2 This report provides the response for Members to endorse.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Audit and Governance Committee endorse the Chair assurance response to the appointed auditors.

3.0 Background and Proposals

3.1 The appointed auditor requested that the Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee explain how assurance from management is obtained.

3.2 The appointed auditors request is attached as **Appendix 1**.

3.3 The Chair's response is detailed at **Appendix 2**.

3.4 Members are requested to consider and endorse the Chair's assurance response.

4.0 Consultation

4.1 The only consultation is with the Audit and Governance Committee.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 Members may propose alternative responses for the Chair to consider.

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 relates to internal governance.

Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
The Audit and Governance Committee receive inadequate assurance from management.	Governance and internal controls at risk.	Audit and Governance Committee work plan. Internal Audit Annual Plan. Senior Officers attendance at the Audit and Governance Committee.

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Appendices Attached to this Report

Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
1	Grant Thornton Assurance Request
2	Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee Assurance Response