

**Barrow Borough Council**  
**Audit and Governance Committee**  
**29<sup>th</sup> July 2021**  
**Internal Audit Annual Report**

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**Report from:** Head of Internal Audit

**Report Author:** Head of Internal Audit

**Wards:** None

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**1.0 Summary and Conclusions**

1.1 Internal Audit performs audits in accordance with the approved Annual Plan which is based on a risk assessment of the internal control environment.

1.2 The annual report for the period 2020-21 is presented in this report.

**2.0 Recommendation**

**2.1 It is recommended that the Audit and Governance Committee note the Internal Audit Annual Report.**

**3.0 Background and Proposals**

3.1 The Head of Internal Audit is required to produce an Annual Report and provide an opinion on the Council's system of internal control.

3.2 This report presents the Internal Audit annual report (Appendix 1) for 2020-21.

**4.0 Consultation**

4.1 The Internal Audit annual plan is agreed by the Audit and Governance Committee.

**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 This report is for information.

### Risk

| Risk                              | Consequence  | Controls required           |
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| Internal controls are inadequate. | Compliance cannot be demonstrated and assurance cannot be given. | Internal Audit annual plan. |

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### Appendices Attached to this Report

| Appendix No. | Name of Appendix             |
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| 1            | Internal Audit Annual Report |