

**Barrow Borough Council**  
**Audit and Governance Committee**  
**28 July 2022**  
**Work Plan 2022-2023**

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**Report from:** Director of Resources  
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**Wards:** (All Wards);

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**1.0 Summary and Conclusions**

- 1.1 The Work Plan sets out the business of the Audit and Governance Committee to provide a forward plan and to demonstrate that the terms of reference are covered.
- 1.2 The Work Plan for 2022-2023 is presented for information accompanied by a commentary of variations.

**2.0 Recommendation**

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Audit and Governance Committee note the Work Plan for 2022-2023.**

**3.0 Background and Proposals**

- 3.1 The Work Plan is presented at each Audit and Governance Committee meeting to provide a forward plan of business and is attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 3.2 The Work Plan is intended to demonstrate that the terms of reference are covered.
- 3.3 There are several items to highlight as this is the final Work Plan for prior to unitisation:

Item 3 – The 2023-2024 Internal Audit Plan will be for Westmorland and Furness Council and will not be presented to this committee in March 2023.

Item 9 – No further reports regarding the appointment of the external auditor will be presented for Barrow Borough Council.

Item 10 – An annual review was recently completed and there will not be another; any necessary changes will still be actioned.

Item 16 – The antifraud policies were recently reviewed and there will not be another unless there are any external changes to incorporate.

Item 18 – Restricted assurance monitoring shall be incorporated in the Annual Governance Statement.

Item 20 – The items relating to the Accounts scheduled for the March 2023 meeting relate to the 2022-2023 Accounts of Barrow Borough Council. The final documents and the audit will be reported to Westmorland and Furness Council.

Item 25 – The review of Audit & Governance Committee effectiveness is shaded on the Work Plan. Committee are asked for consider the benefits of the annual review during 2022-2023.

Item 28 – The annual report is shaded on the Work Plan as production may be impacted by the closeness to vesting day – it is not removed as there is still an ambition to have the final report prepared and available for the last Full Council meeting.

#### **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**

##### **7.1 Financial, Resources and Procurement**

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

##### **7.2 Legal**

7.2.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

##### **7.3 Local Government Reorganisation**

7.3.1 Local Government Reorganisation has been reflected in the Work Plan.

## 7.4 Equality and Diversity

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

### Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
The Committee does not fulfil the terms of reference assigned by Full Council.	The Council cannot demonstrate good governance.	Audit and Governance Committee work plan.

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### Appendices Attached to this Report

Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
1	Audit and Governance Committee - Work Plan 2023-2023