

Barrow Borough Council
Audit and Governance Committee
28 July 2022
Audit Progress Report and Sector Update

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

1.0 Summary and Conclusions

1.1 This report presents the External Audit progress report and sector update.

2.1 It is recommended that the Audit and Governance Committee note the External Audit progress report and sector update.

3.0 Background and Proposals

3.1 The External Audit progress report and sector update, is attached at **Appendix 1**.

3.2 Grant Thornton will present the plan to Members.

4.0 Consultation

4.1 The report is not subject to formal consultation.

4.2 The Director of Resources has been consulted.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 There are no alternative options to consider, the report is 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, resources 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 There are no impacts on Local Government Reorganisation.

7.4 Equality and Diversity

7.4.1 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? No, this report concerns the external audit process.

Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
The annual audit cannot be performed.	The audit cannot be concluded within the statutory timeframe.	Progress report provides oversight for the Audit and Governance Committee.

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Appendices Attached to this Report

Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
1	External Audit Progress Report and Sector Update