

BCP COUNCIL ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK – APRIL 2025



AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

AGS - REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS OF GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK



Management

Internal Audit

External Assurance Providers

Assurance Function	First Line Assurance	Second Line Assurance		Third Line Assurance	External Assurance Providers
		Corporate advice & compliance	Corporate Oversight		
Asset Management	Directors and managers	Finance; Housing & Communities; Customer & Property Operations	Corporate Property Group (CPG); Asset Investment Panel; Corporate Management Board (CMB)	Chief Internal Auditor annual conclusion on the Council's governance, risk management and control arrangements	External Audit (Grant Thornton - GT) *
Business Continuity		Finance	Resilience Governance Board; Resilience Forum; Corporate Management Board (CMB)		Outsourced Business Continuity, ICT inspections
Business Planning and Performance Management		Marketing, Comms & Policy	Various – including Children's Services Improvement Board; Planning Improvement Board; Planning Improvement Board; CMB		Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (complaints) Peer Review
Counter Fraud		Finance	Statutory Officer Group (SOG)		National Fraud Initiative (NFI) annually
Financial Management		Finance	Corporate Management Board (CMB)		External Audit (GT) *
Fire Safety		Customer & Property Operations	Health & Safety & Fire Safety Board; Safety Supporters Forum; CPG		Fire Safety Inspections
Health & Safety (H&S)		Finance	Health & Safety & Fire Safety Board; Safety Supporters Forum; CPG		H&S Executive (inc. unannounced inspections)
Human Resources		People & Culture	Directors Strategy Group (DSG); CMB		Unions
ICT		IT & Programmes	IT & IS Infrastructure Board; Information Governance Board (IGB); CMB		Public Services Network (PSN)
Information Governance		Law & Governance	Information Governance Board (IGB)		Information Commissioner
Partnerships		Marketing, Comms & Policy	Various – including service/partnership specific boards e.g. BCP/BH Live Strategic Partnership Board; CMB		
Procurement		Finance	Procurement & Contracts Board		Procurement Review Unit (PRU) part of the Cabinet Office (enhanced role following the Procurement Act 2023)

Appendix 1

Project & Programme Management		IT & Programmes	Corporate Strategy Delivery Board; CMB; Infrastructure Programme Board; Project specific boards		
Risk Management		Finance	DSG; CMB		External Audit (GT) *
Safeguarding		Adult Social Care; Children's Services	Safeguarding Boards (Adults & Children's); CMB		Care Quality Commission; Ofsted
Sustainable Environment		Environment	Overall arrangements currently in development; CMB		Environment Agency (EA) and Office for Environmental Protection (OEP)

*It is not the External Auditor's (Grant Thornton) primary role to provide assurance on the adequacy of key assurance functions. Nevertheless, through their auditing of the statement of accounts and in providing their value for money opinion, a form of external assurance exists across a number of functions, most notably those marked with an asterisk.