

Berneslai Homes Audit & Risk Committee 23rd October 2025 – Meeting Summary:

Cyber Security Update Deep Dive

Committee received a comprehensive presentation on Cyber Security which detailed the strategy and measures provided by Barnsley Council to Berneslai Homes which ensures the organisation is compliant with the UK GDPR, Public Services Network and other standards.

Committee noted the comprehensive updated provided.

Risk Reporting Quarterly Update

Committee received and reviewed the report which provided a quarterly update on Berneslai Homes' Risk Framework and strategic risks. Committee were advised on the controls and actions taken for Berneslai Homes' to comply with the new corporate offence of Failure to Prevent Fraud introduced under the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 effective from 1st September 2025.

Committee were assured on the risk position.

Audit & Risk Committee Annual Report – Mid Year Review of Action Plan

Committee received a report which monitored the actions from the Audit and Risk Committee self-evaluation approved by Committee on the 29th January 2025.

Committee noted the progress on the action plan resulting from the self-evaluation.

Procurement Strategy Update

Committee received an update on the progress made on the Procurement Strategy Action Plan for 2024/25 together with the proposed Procurement Action Plan for 2025/26. In respect of the Procurement Strategy Action Plan for 2024/25 some actions had not been progressed as expected due to other Company priorities.

Committee noted the progress made on the Year 1 Action Plan, the reasons for delays and approved the actions for Year 2 and 3 acknowledging the impact on resources to deliver.

Corporate Assurance Activity Report

Committee received and considered the report from Barnsley Council's Corporate Assurance, which provided progress against the 2025/26 Assurance Plan for Berneslai Homes for the period 21st July 2025 to 28th September 2025.

Building Safety Compliance Scorecard
<p>Committee received a report which gave an update on the performance of Berneslai Homes in delivering key services as set out in the Building Safety Scorecard as at the end of August 2025. Compliance remained strong overall, with 100% compliance achieved across the 3 building safety compliance, Tenant Satisfaction Measures (TSMs) on fire risk assessments, passenger lifts and asbestos safety checks. Damp and mould decreased on monthly 7-day orders in August with an expected slight increase in September. Updated data will be provided to the Customer Services Committee in November.</p> <p>Committee reviewed and noted Berneslai Homes performance in delivering overall building safety.</p>
Agreed Management Actions
<p>Committee received a report which showed progress against Corporate Assurance Reviews' Agreed Management Actions. Committee considered and noted the status of the Actions and the continuing work to improve internal controls.</p>
Information Governance and Security Compliance Update
<p>Committee received a report that provided an update for Quarters 1 and 2 for the financial year 2025/26 on the Information Governance activity being undertaken within the Company.</p> <p>Committee reviewed the report and were assured with the Company's compliance on Information Governance.</p>
New Repairs System Post Implementation Update – Final Update
<p>Committee received the final update report regarding the repairs system implemented on 14th February 2024.</p> <p>Committee noted the update on the system review, the progress made and acknowledged that this would be the final report to Committee.</p>