

## **Berneslai Homes Audit & Risk Committee 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Meeting Summary:**

<b>External Audit Plan for audit of 2025/26 Financial Statements</b>
Committee received the External Audit Plan, which summarised the planned audit strategy for the year ending 31 March 2026. Committee approved the External Audit Plan and agreed with the recommended approach.
<b>Risk Reporting Quarterly Update</b>
Committee reviewed and commented on the Risk Management Quarterly update and the Strategic Risks. An annual review of the Corporate Emergency Response Plan had been undertaken and Committee were requested to approve this prior to submission to Berneslai Homes' Board for final approval. A deep dive on data quality had been undertaken as part of the Risk Framework with a separate report on this being presented to Committee. Committee approved the Corporate Emergency Response Plan be recommended to Berneslai Homes' Board for approval.
<b>Deep Dive – Data Quality</b>
Committee received a comprehensive deep dive presentation on the new data quality programme implemented at Berneslai Homes which is used to monitor, manage and improve the quality of data. Committee were informed of the progress and benefits to date, future requirements and plans for the programme. Committee noted the work on data quality.
<b>Update on Value for Money Strategy</b>
Committee received an update on the progress against the Value for Money (VFM) Strategy during 2025/26 together with the progress against Year 1 of the VFM Action Plan. The actions for Year 2 are being developed and an Action Plan will be reported to Berneslai Homes' Board in March 2026. Committee noted the activities relating to VFM, the progress made on the Year 1 Action Plan and the actions being developed for Year 2, which will be reported to Berneslai Homes' Board in March 2026 as part of the 2026/27 budget report.
<b>Corporate Assurance Annual Plan</b>
Committee considered the Corporate Assurance Plan for 2026/27. Committee will receive progress reports on the delivery of the Plan and any adjustments that are required in coverage. Committee agreed the Corporate Assurance Indicative Plan.
<b>Corporate Assurance Activity Report</b>
Committee received and considered a report which provided the BMBC Corporate Assurance Team's progress against the agreed plan of assurance work for Berneslai Homes Ltd for the period 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 to 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**Agreed Management Actions Update**

Committee received and considered the monthly update on the status of Agreed Management Actions.

**Building Safety Compliance Scorecard**

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. Compliance remained strong achieving 99.74% against the 7 key compliance areas with 100% compliance achieved on Fire Risk Assessments, Passenger Lifts and Asbestos and Water Safety Checks. Operational challenges and responses to legislative changes and performance on delivery of stock condition surveys were noted. Committee reviewed and noted Berneslai Homes' performance in delivering overall building safety.

**Information Governance and Security Compliance Update**

Committee reviewed a report which provided assurance on the governance activity being undertaken within Berneslai Homes.