



# BARRY SCARR

## ASSOCIATE EXPERT

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### QUALIFICATIONS

#### MASTERS DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- Merit passes in Strategy and Knowledge Management

#### QUALIFIED CIPFA FELLOWSHIP OF CIPFA

### KEY SKILLS

- Service turnaround
- Directorate management
- Strategic finance
- Project sponsorship
- Political engagement
- Commercial and negotiation
- Strategic planning
- ICT management and strategy

### PROFILE

An experienced Strategic Director and consultant, with extensive experience of managing central and customer facing directorates, having worked in all types of Local Government organisations (Metropolitan Borough, London Borough, County and District), Housing and the private sector. Barry has a successful track record of engaging with clients and their partners to drive improvement and efficiency. He is especially skilled at working with elected members and management teams to optimise financial strategy.

### EXPERIENCE

**Revitalising services with performance problems to a new level of achievement. Barry has strategic financial acumen that has enabled large organisations to plan for substantial budget reductions and efficiencies.**

- Financial Improvement and Sustainability Advisor (FISA) for the Local government association, working with Councils to resolve financial issues and deliver financial health checks.
- Independent Financial Advisor to the Government's (DfE) Safety Valve programme, addressing the issue of funding for high needs deficits on dedicated schools grant (DSG) by assessing robustness and deliverability of proposed plans.
- Finance lead in the PWC Team helping to set up Bradford Children's and Families Trust, ensuring the DfE directions are implemented to improve a children's service that has been rated inadequate by OFSTED.

**A former Section 151 officer with experience managing multiple Directorates, including Finance, ICT, Property, Housing, HR, Legal, Performance and Revenues. Skilled at working with elected Members and Boards to resource priorities and help identify non-priorities.**

- Northamptonshire County Council - Executive Director of Finance and Deputy Chief Executive. Section 151 Officer responsible for a net revenue budget of over £440m. Implemented the 2020/21 Budget with £23m savings, increased contingencies and contributions to reserves with a projected underspend of £16m.
- City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council - Interim Director of Finance. Section 151 Officer responsible for a net revenue budget of over £360m. Revised the budget gap from £20m to £30m over three years and put in place initial plans to deal with the gap.
- Sunderland City Council - Executive Director of Corporate Services Section 151 Officer, managing the Finance, HR, ICT, Legal and Elections services within the council
- London Borough of Tower Hamlets - Interim Service Head Finance and Procurement.
- London Borough of Haringey - Interim Head of Corporate Finance