

**Audit and Governance Committee**

18 September 2019

Report of the Corporate Finance & Commercial Procurement Manager  
(Interim S151 officer)

**Mazars Annual Audit Letter 2018/19**

**Summary**

1. The paper attached at Annex A from Mazars – the Council's external auditors – summarises the outcome of their audit of the Council's 2018/19 annual accounts and their work on the value for money conclusion.

**Background & Analysis**

2. The report covers:
  - a) Audit of financial statements
  - b) VFM Conclusion
  - c) Other reporting responsibilities
  - d) Fees
  - e) Forward look

**Options**

3. Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

**Corporate Priorities**

4. The report contributes to the overall effectiveness of the Council's governance and assurance arrangements.

**Implications**

5. There are no financial, HR, equalities, legal, crime and disorder, IT or property implications arising from this report.

## **Risk Management**

6. The Council will fail to comply with legislative and best practice requirements to provide for a proper audit of the Council if it does not consider this report.

## **Recommendations**

7. Members are asked to note the matters set out in the Annual Audit report presented by Mazar's.

Reason: To ensure Members are aware of Mazar's progress in delivering their responsibilities as external auditors.

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**Report  
Approved**



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**Wards Affected:** Not applicable

**For further information please contact the author of the report**

### **Background Papers:**

None

### **Annexes**

Annex A - Mazars Annual Audit Report