

Audit and Governance Committee

22nd June 2016

Report of the Director of CBSS (Portfolio of the Leader of the Council)

Mazars Audit Progress Report June 2016

Summary

1. The paper attached at Annex A from Mazars – the Council's external auditors – reports on progress in delivering their responsibilities as auditors.

Background

2. The report covers:
 - a) A summary of audit progress
 - b) Additional Value for Money (vfm) work
 - c) National publications and other updates

Summary of Audit Progress

3. This section of the report updates members on:
 - a) The certification of the closure of the 2014/15 audit
 - b) Progress on 2015/16 Accounts audit work and VFM work undertaken
 - c) Details of the second planned North Yorkshire Governance Forum due to be held in July 2016.

Additional VFM work

4. This section of the report sets out the VFM work planned by Mazars both generally on the Council's overall programme and project management arrangements, as well as the more detailed work planned on four key project areas:
 - a) The community stadium project
 - b) The older persons accommodation programme
 - c) Integration of adult social care and the operation of the Better Care Fund

d) The 'future shape and size' programme.

5. The report also sets out the timing of the planned work, and breaks down the expected audit fee into each area of work.

National Publications and other updates

6. This section of the report updates Members on key issues emerging from recent national publications including: English Devolution Deals, Fighting Fraud and Corruption Locally, and Oversight of audit quality.

Consultation

7. The Plan has been consulted on with the relevant responsible officers within the Customer & Business Support Services Directorate prior to it being reported to those members charged with governance at the council.

Options

8. Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

Analysis

9. Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

Council Plan

10. This report contributes to the overall effectiveness of the council's governance and assurance arrangements contributing to an 'Effective Organisation'.

Implications

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- (a) **Financial** – There are no implications
 - (b) **Human Resources (HR)** - There are no implications.
 - (c) **Equalities** - There are no implications.
 - (d) **Legal** - There are no implications.

(e) **Crime and Disorder** - There are no implications.

(f) **Information Technology (IT)** - There are no implications.

(g) **Property** - There are no implications.

Risk Management

12. Not relevant for the purpose of the report

Recommendations

13. Members are asked to:

a) note the matters set out in the Progress 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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Specialist Implications Officers

Wards Affected: Not applicable

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

None

Annexes

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