

## **Audit and Governance Committee**

20<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Report of the Director Customer and Corporate Services

## **Mazars Audit Progress Report**

### **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) National publications and other updates

### **Summary of Audit Progress**

3. This section of the report updates members on:
  - a) Progress on 2015/16 Accounts audit work and VFM work undertaken
  - b) Certification of grant claims and returns

### **National Publications and other updates**

4. This section of the report updates Members on key issues emerging from recent national publications, including: Regularity, Compliance and Quality Report 2015-16, Local Public Service Reform, Understanding Local Authorities Financial Statements and Alternative Delivery Models.

### **Consultation**

5. 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**

6. Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

### **Analysis**

7. Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

### **Council Plan**

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

### **Implications**

9. There are no implications to this report.

### **Risk Management**

10. Not relevant for the purpose of the report

### **Recommendations**

11. Members are asked to:

a) note the matters set out in the Progress report presented by Mazars;

#### *Reason*

*To ensure Members are aware of Mazars progress in delivering their responsibilities as external auditors.*

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**Wards Affected:** Not applicable

**All**

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

**Background Papers:**

None

**Annexes**

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