

## **Audit and Governance Committee**

8<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive/ Director of Customer & 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 including results of
  - b) Certification of grant claims and returns
  - c) Changes in the audit team
  - d) 2016/17 audit planning
  - e) North Yorkshire Governance Forum
  - f) Final Accounts workshop

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

4. This section of the report updates Members on key issues emerging from recent national publications, including: 2017/18 work programme and scale of fees (PSAA); Procurement Strategy (PSAA) and report on results of auditors work 15/16 (PSAA).

## **Consultation**

5. The Plan has been consulted on with the relevant responsible officers within the Customer & Corporate 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.

## **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**

Annex A - Mazars CYC Audit Progress Report February 2017