

Audit and Governance Committee

6th December 2017

Report of the Director of the Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Customer & Corporate Services

Mazars Annual Audit Letter 2016/17

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 2016/17 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) Future challenges
 - e) Fees

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:

- a) 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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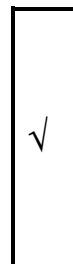
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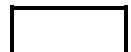
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**Report
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Wards Affected: Not applicable



For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

None

Annexes

Annex A - Mazars Annual Audit Report