

Report of the Director of Customer and Business Support Services

CYC Audit Progress Report July 2013 – Mazars External Auditors

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) Findings of Fraud and Corruption Assessments
 - b) An update on key messages for Audit Committees and Audit Firms on audit quality following the Financial Reporting Council's (FRC) recently published Annual report on Audit quality inspections.

Consultation

3. 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

4. Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

Analysis

5. Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

Corporate Priorities

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

Implications

7.
 - (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

8. By not responding effectively to the matters contained in this report, the council will fail to properly comply with legislative and best practice requirements.

Recommendations

9. 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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