

Audit & Governance Committee

Date of Meeting: 11 March 2021

Report Title: Annual Audit Letter 2019/20

Senior Officer: Alex Thompson, Director of Finance & Customer Services

1. Report Summary

1.1. The Annual Audit Letter for 2019/20 is set out in the appendix to this report.

2. Recommendation/s

2.1. That members note the Annual Audit Letter.

3. Reasons for Recommendation/s

3.1. The appointed auditors are required to report to those charged with governance.

4. Other Options Considered

4.1. Not applicable

5. Background

5.1. Mazars have been appointed as the Council's independent external auditors. Their annual work programme is set in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice issued by the Audit Commission and includes nationally prescribed and locally determined work.

5.2. The report includes the Annual Audit Letter on the conclusion of the 2019/20 audit.

6. Implications of the Recommendations

6.1. Legal Implications

- There are no legal implications identified.

6.2. Finance Implications

- The audit fees will be met from within the revenue budget.

6.3. Policy Implications

- There are no policy implications identified.

6.4. Equality Implications

- There are no equality implications identified.

6.5. Human Resources Implications

- There are no human resources implications identified.

6.6. Risk Management Implications

- Mazars complete a risk based audit whereby they focus audit effort on those areas where they have identified a risk of material misstatement in the accounts.

6.7. Rural Communities Implications

- There are no direct implications for rural communities.

6.8. Implications for Children & Young People / Cared for Children

- There are no direct implications for children and young people.

6.9. Public Health Implications

- There are no direct implications for public health.

7. Ward Members Affected

- 7.1. Not applicable.

8. Access to Information

- 8.1. The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer.

9. Contact Information

9.1. Any questions relating to this report should be directed to the following officer:

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Appendix 1: Annual Audit Letter 2019/20