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To: Audit and Governance Committee
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Title: External Auditor's Annual Report 2021

Summary:

The report from the external auditor, Mazars, is provided for comment and noting.

Recommendations:

To consider the External Auditor's Annual Report 2021.

Reasons for recommendation

The Audit and Governance Committee is required, in accordance with Part 3 of the Constitution, to consider reports of the external auditor and inspection agencies relating to the actions of the Council.

1. Introduction and background

1.1 The report has been submitted by the external Auditor, Mazars and summarises the work undertaken for the Council for the financial year ending 31 March 2021.

2. The Report

2.1 The report is attached at Appendix A and sets out a summary of external audit work undertaken for the financial year ending 31 March 2021.

2.2 The report confirms that the audit was completed in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Audit Practice issued by the National Audit Office (NAO), and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

2.3 The report also sets out key challenges and risks to the Council for the financial year 2020-21.

2.4 The Committee will have the opportunity to ask questions of officers and the external auditors at the meeting.

3. Legal/Financial Controls and other Policy matters

3.1 None.

4. Conclusion

4.1 The Committee is asked to consider the report.

5. Background Documents

None.

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Appendices:

A – External Auditor’s Annual Report 2021