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<b>To:</b>	<b>Audit and Governance Committee</b>
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**Title:** External Audit Progress Report

**Summary:**

The report from the external auditor, Mazars, is provided for the Audit and Governance Committee to consider.

**Recommendations:**

**To consider the External Audit Progress Report.**

**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 provides the Committee with a progress report in relation to the work and responsibilities of the external auditors.

**2. The Report**

- 2.1 The report is attached at Appendix A, which sets out a summary of external audit work completed to date and highlights that the planning work in relation to the 2018/19 external audit is now underway.
- 2.2 The report also sets out key emerging national issues and developments which may be of interest to the Committee.

- 2.3 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:**

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