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To:	Audit and Governance Committee
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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 2019/20 external audit is now underway.
- 2.2 The report also refers to recent national publications and highlights other relevant updates.

- 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:

A – External Audit Progress Report