

Report of External Audit (Mazars) to the meeting of Governance and Audit Committee to be held on 22nd April 2021

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Subject:

External Audit progress report

Summary statement:

This report provides the Governance and Audit Committee an update on progress in delivering our responsibilities as your external auditor in 2020/21. It also provides an update on non-audit assurance work completed in 2019/20 and summarises key national publications that may be of interest to Members.

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1. SUMMARY

- This report provides the Governance and Audit Committee with an update on progress in delivering our responsibilities as your external auditors. The report highlights that, overall, our work is on track and there are no significant issues arising from our work to date that we need to report to the Committee.
It also highlights key emerging issues and developments within the sector which may be of interest to Members of the Committee.

2. BACKGROUND

- Not applicable

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Not applicable

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- Not applicable

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- Not applicable

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- Not applicable

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

- None

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- None

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

- None

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- None

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

- None

7.6 TRADE UNION

- None

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

- None

7.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS (for reports to Area Committees only)

- None

7.9 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

- None

7.10 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

- None

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

- None

9. OPTIONS

- None

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- Members of the Committee note and consider this report

11. APPENDICES

➤ External Audit Progress Report

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

➤ None