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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, and sets out a summary of external audit work yet to be completed for the 2018/19 financial year, along with a summary of the planning work to be undertaken in relation to the 2019/20 external audit.

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:**

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