



## **Governance Scrutiny Group**

**Tuesday, 17 September 2019**

### **Annual Audit Letter**

## **Report of the Executive Manager – Finance and Corporate Services**

### **1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1. The attached letter from Mazars summarises progress on the audit process for the 2018/19 financial year. It reiterates the key conclusions of the Auditors' Report on the 2018/19 Accounts and the Report to those Charged with Governance, both of which were considered by the Governance Scrutiny Group on 23 July 2019.
- 1.2. No actions are required in relation to the report. The report is positive given no major concerns have been raised.

### **2. Recommendation**

It is RECOMMENDED that the Governance Scrutiny Group note the receipt of the Annual Audit Letter.

### **3. Reasons for Recommendation**

- 3.1. To ensure that due regard has been given to issues and concerns raised by the Council's external auditors.

### **4. Supporting Information**

- 4.1. The Annual Audit Letter for 2018/19 is attached at Appendix A.
- 4.2. An additional £750 than previously notified has been charged in relation to assessing the Council's risk against the McCloud judgement (pensions transition).
- 4.3. Pleasingly, no significant issues have arisen during the 2018/19 financial year.

### **5. Risks and Uncertainties**

- 5.1. There are no issues arising from this report.

### **6. Implications**

#### **6.1. Financial Implications**

Audit costs are covered by existing budget provision.

## 6.2. Legal Implications

There are no legal implications connected to the recommendations of this report.

## 6.3. Equalities Implications

There are no equalities implications connected to the recommendations of this report.

## 6.4. Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Implications

There are no Section 17 implications connected to the recommendations of this report.

## 7. Link to Corporate Priorities

- 7.1. External audit exists to provide the public, members and other stakeholders that the Council is conducting its affairs in an efficient and effective manner.

## 8. Recommendations

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<b>Background papers available for Inspection:</b>	
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix A – Mazars Annual Audit Letter 2018/19