



**Governance and Audit
Committee**

Tuesday, 24 January 2023

Subject: Auditor's Annual Report (Year Ended 31 March 2022)

Report by:	Director of Corporate Services and Section 151 Officer
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Purpose / Summary:	To present to those charged with governance, the Auditor's Annual Report on the work undertaken by Mazar's for the year ended 31 March 2022.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That members accept the content of this report.

IMPLICATIONS

Legal: None from this report.

Financial: FIN/141/23

Our External Auditor, Mazars has been appointed from 1 April 2019 as part of the Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) contract awards. The fee for the audit fee was £53,487.

Staffing: None from this report.

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights: None from this report.

Data Protection Implications: None from this report.

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities: None from this report.

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations: None from this report.

Health Implications: None from this report.

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report

Risk Assessment:

N/A

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

No

x

Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

No

x

Background

The Report to those charged with Governance is attached at Appendix A, the headlines of which include:

- An unqualified audit opinion on the 2021/22 Statement of Accounts.
- That no significant weaknesses in Value for Money arrangements were identified and no recommendations arose from the work done.
- No questions or objections in respect of the Council's financial statements were received by the auditor's under the Local Government and Accountability Act 2014

The report will be presented by Michael Norman, Audit Manager, Mazars.

The Auditor's Annual Report is attached at Appendix A.