



**Governance and Audit
Committee**

**Tuesday, 23rd January
2024**

Subject: Auditor's Annual Report (Year Ended 31st March 2023)

Report by:	Director of Corporate Services (S151 Officer)
Contact Officer:	Peter Davy Financial Services Manager Peter.Davy@west-lindsey.gov.uk
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 st March 2023

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That members accept the content of this report.

IMPLICATIONS

Legal:

None from this report.

Financial : FIN/129/24/PD

The Council's external auditor, Mazars, has been appointed from 1st April 2019 as part of the Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) contract awards. The fee for the 2022/23 audit was £40k

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

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No

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Key Decision:

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

Yes

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No

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Executive Summary

The report to those charged with Governance is attached at Appendix A, the main messages include:

- An unqualified audit opinion on the 2022/23 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 auditors under the Local Government and Accountability Act 2014.

The report will be presented by Paddy Sadd from Mazars

The Auditor's Annual Report is attached at Appendix A

