

SUBJECT:	EXTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To present the External Audit Progress Report to Audit Committee.

2. Executive Summary

2.1 This report provides Audit Committee with an update on progress in delivering responsibilities of the external auditors.

3. Background

3.1 The external auditor provides periodic update reports to the Audit Committee. Mazars are currently appointed as the external auditor of metropolitan, unitary, district councils and combined authorities in the North of England, including Lincoln.

4 External Audit Progress Report

4.1 The External Audit progress report attached (Appendix A) covers the following areas :-

- Accounts Timetable
- Covid-19 Financial Reporting Issues
- Audit Progress
- Mazars response to the pandemic and working with the Council

4. Organisational Impacts (nb. Finance, Legal and E & D sections below are mandatory, others to be completed only where there is an impact)

4.1 Finance (including whole life costs where applicable)

There are no direct financial implications arising as a result of this report.

4.2 Legal Implications including Procurement Rules

There are no direct legal implications arising as a result of this report.

4.3 Equality, Diversity & Human Rights (including the outcome of the EA attached, if required)

There are no direct E and D implications arising as a result of this report.

5. Recommendation

5.1 Audit Committee is asked to note the content of the latest External Audit Progress Report.

Key Decision No

Do the Exempt Information Categories Apply? No

Call in and Urgency: Is the decision one to which Rule 15 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply? No

How many appendices does the report contain? One

List of Background Papers:

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