

**Title of Report:** External Auditor: Annual Report Years Ended 31 March 2022 and 31 March 2023

**Report of:** Darren Collins, Strategic Director, Resources and Digital

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### **Purpose of the Report**

- 1 This report requests that the Committee note the external auditor's Annual report for the years ended 31 March 2022 and 31 March 2023.

### **Background**

- 2 In accordance with National Audit Office (NAO) guidance, Mazars have issued a combined report covering the years ended 31 March 2022 and 31 March 2023.
- 3 The external auditor's responsibilities are defined by the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, and the Code of Audit Practice issued by the NAO. The report sets out:
  - Opinion on the financial statements
  - Value for money (VFM) arrangements
  - Wider Reporting Responsibilities
- 4 The report is attached in Appendix A.

### **Recommendation**

- 5 The Committee is requested to note the contents of the external auditor's Annual report for years ended 31 March 2022 and 31 March 2023.

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