

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 6</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>06 MARCH 2024</b>	<b>CATEGORY: (See Notes) DELEGATED or RECOMMENDED</b>
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION TO MAZARS LLP</b>	
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE: (See Notes)</b>

## **1.0 Recommendations**

1.1 That the Sub-Committee note the report.

## **2.0 Purpose of the Report**

2.1 This report has been issued by the Council's incoming auditors Mazars LLP.

## **3.0 Introduction**

3.1 Mazars LLP will become the council's auditors effective for the financial years accounts 2023/24. In preparedness of this Mazars have provided an introductory report as outlined in Appendix 1.

3.2 Mark Surridge, Partner, will be present at the meeting to present the report.

## **4.0 Financial Implications**

4.1 The scale fees paid to Mazars LLP are prescribed by the PSAA (Public Sector Audit Appointments) and are include in the 2024/25 budget.

## **5.0 Corporate Implications**

### **Employment Implications**

5.1 There are no employment implications arising because of this report.

### **Legal Implications**

5.2 There are no legal implications arising because of this report.

## **Corporate Plan Implications**

5.3 There are no direct implications, however effective governance, risk management and control arrangements will ensure the achievement of the council's Council Plan in 2024/25.

## **Risk Impact**

5.4 Effective governance, risk management and control arrangements rely heavily on the assurances of an independent external auditor.

## **7.0 Community Impact**

### **Consultation**

7.1 There are no consultation matters to be considered.

### **Equality and Diversity Impact**

7.2 There are no equality and diversity impact matters to be considered.

### **Social Value Impact**

7.3 There are no social value impact matters to be considered.

### **Environmental Sustainability**

7.4 There are no environmental sustainability matters to be considered.