

Report to Audit Committee

Audit Committee Vice Chair- Charged with Governance - Management Processes and Arrangements

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Reason for Decision

To enable the Council's external auditors, Mazars LLP, to carry out their duties under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Audit Committee via the Chair (for 2021/22 financial year in Oldham this was the Vice Chair) is required to provide the auditors with the necessary assurances required under International Standards on Auditing (ISA), particularly, ISA 260, Communication with Those Charged with Governance.

Executive Summary

In carrying out their annual audit of the Council, Mazars LLP comply with the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as adopted by the UK Financial Reporting Council (FRC).

ISAs require the auditor to make inquiries of those charged with governance (TCWG) to determine whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud affecting the entity. These inquiries are made in part to corroborate the responses to the inquiries of management.

Mazars LLP has sent the Chair of the Audit Committee a questionnaire setting out their inquiries of TCWG. The questionnaire and the Chair of the Audit Committee's proposed responses are set in Attachment 1. There is a requirement to respond to Mazars LLP by 30 June 2022.

Recommendation

That Members of the Audit Committee are asked to note the Council's response.

