

## **Report to Audit Committee**

### **Public Sector Audit Appointments - confirmation of Mazars LLP as the Council's External Auditor from 2023/24 to 2027/28**

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#### **Reason for Decision**

Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) is responsible for appointing an External Auditor from 2023/24 to eligible bodies that have chosen to opt into its national auditor appointment arrangements. As previously agreed by Members, Oldham Council opted into this arrangement.

#### **Executive Summary**

Following the Council's response to the Public Sector Audit Appointments consultation on the proposed appointment of Mazars LLP as the External Auditor for Oldham Council for the period 2023/24 to 2027/28, the PSAA has now confirmed the appointment of Mazars LLP as the Council's External Auditor for that period.

This appointment is made under Regulation 13 of the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015 and was approved by the PSAA Board at its meeting of 16 December 2022.

#### **Recommendations**

Members of the Audit Committee are asked to note the appointment of Mazars LLP as the External Auditor for Oldham Council for the period 2023/24 to 2027/28.

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**1 Background**

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**2 Appointment of Mazars LLP as Oldham Council's External Auditor for the period 2023/24 to 2027/28**

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2.2 This appointment is made under Regulation 13 of the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015 and was approved by the PSAA Board at its meeting of 16 December 2022.

**3 Options**

3.1 As the appointment of Mazars LLP has been confirmed by PSAA the only option available to the Committee is to note the appointment of Oldham Council's External Auditor for the period 2023/24 to 2027/28.

**4 Preferred Option**

4.1 The preferred option is option a) that the Audit Committee notes the appointment of Mazars LLP as Oldham Council's External Auditor for the period 2023/24 to 2027/28.

**5 Consultation**

5.1 N/A.

**6 Financial Implications**

6.1 N/A.

**7 Legal Services Comments**

7.1 N/A.

**8 Co-operative Agenda**

8.1 N/A.

**9 Human Resources Comments**

9.1 N/A.

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- 10 **Risk Assessments**
  - 10.1 N/A
  - 11 **IT Implications**
  - 11.1 N/A.
  - 12 **Property Implications**
  - 12.1 N/A.
  - 13 **Procurement Implications**
  - 13.1 N/A.
  - 14 **Environmental and Health & Safety Implications**
  - 14.1 N/A.
  - 15 **Equity, Community Cohesion and Crime Implication**
  - 15.1 N/A.
  - 16 **Equality Impact Assessment Completed**
  - 16.1 N/A.
  - 17 **Forward Plan Reference**
  - 17.1 N/A.
  - 18 **Key Decision**
  - 18.1 N/A.
  - 19 **Background Papers**
  - 19.1 N/A
  - 20 **Appendices**
  - 20.1 N/A
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