

**AUDITORS ANNUAL REPORT – YEAR
ENDING 31 MARCH 2023****FORVIS MAZARS LLP****For Information****1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present Forvis Mazars LLP (the new name for Mazars from 1 June 2024) Auditors Annual Report for the financial year ending 31 March 2023.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended Members note the report.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES

- 3.1 The draft Auditors Annual Report was presented to the full Authority on 7 June 2024, alongside the 2022/23 Financial Statements from the Treasurer.
- 3.2 This report presents the final Auditors Annual Report for the financial year ending 31 March 2023 and in summary the report confirms:
- An unqualified audit opinion was issued on the 10 June 2024 in relation to the 2022/23 Financial Statements;
 - In relation to Value for Money (VFM) arrangements in our audit completion report follow up letter we reported that we had completed our work on the Authority's arrangements to secure economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in its use of resources and had not issued recommendations in relation to identified significant weaknesses in those arrangements. Section 3 provides our commentary on the Authority's arrangements.
- 3.3 As in previous years, we anticipate a significant delay before we will be able to issue our 2022/23 audit certificate, as we await NAO clearance on whether we will be required to undertake additional procedures as a sampled component.

FORVIS MAZARS LLP