

**AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**27 June 2014**

**External Auditor - Audit Progress Report**

**Report of the Head of Financial Resources**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To enable the Committee to consider and comment upon the external auditors' (Mazars) regular Audit Progress Report covering the period up to June 2014.
- 1.2 The report will be presented by Gavin Barker, the Council's Senior Engagement Manager.
- 1.3 The reports are a regular feature on this agenda and are aimed at providing updates of the progress made by our external auditor in meeting and fulfilling their role and responsibilities to the Council.
- 1.4 Members will be pleased to note that early audit work in respect of both the 2013/14 accounts and Value For Money conclusion is progressing well and that no significant issues, that require reporting to members, has resulted from their interim work on the council's financial systems.
- 1.5 The report also usefully highlights emerging issues and developments that may be relevant and of interest to members in their role on the Audit and Governance Committee. These are detailed in pages 5 to 8 of their report.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the attached report.

