

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting15th January 2015

1. Title of Item/Report

Annual Audit Letter 2013/14

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to the Annual Audit Letter for 2013/14.

Members were reminded that in 2012 the Audit Commission appointed Mazars LLP to act as external auditors to the Council.

A formal stage in the annual audit process was the production of the "Annual Audit Letter". The Annual Audit Letter for 2013/14 had been received and was attached to the report.

The Annual Audit Letter summarised the auditor's findings from the 2013/14 audit. In line with previous practice, a copy of the Annual Audit Letter would be sent to all Members of the Council. Mazars LLP were required to submit the Annual Audit Letter to the Audit Commission and it would appear on the Commission's website.

Mazars LLP had issued an unqualified audit opinion on the Council's financial statements for 2013/14 and no material amendments were required.

Mazars LLP had issued an unqualified value for money conclusion stating that it was satisfied that "the Council has maintained proper arrangements for securing value for money in its use of resources during the year".

The report went on to say that "the Council continues to have a strong approach in considering a range of options, regularly updating and agreeing its plans well ahead of the relevant financial year".

RESOLVED that the contents of the letter be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The external auditor, Mazars LLP, is required to present its findings to the Council's Cabinet.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight on Friday, 23rd January 2015

Proper Officer
19 January 2015