

**North East Derbyshire District Council**

**Council**

**19 May 2025**

**Auditor's Annual Report 2023/24**

**Report of the Deputy Leader of the Council with responsibility for Finance**

Classification: This report is public

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**PURPOSE / SUMMARY**

For Council to consider the Annual Audit Report in respect of 2023/24 which has been prepared by Forvis Mazars LLP for consideration by elected Members of the Council and other stakeholders.

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**DECISION ROUTE AND REASON FOR DECISION BEING BROUGHT TO COUNCIL**

- The report is for Council's information.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That Council considers and notes the attached report from the Council's External Auditors, Forvis Mazars.

Approved by the Portfolio Holder – Cllr P Kerry, Deputy Leader with responsibility for Finance

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**IMPLICATIONS**

**Finance and Risk:** Yes ☐ No ☒

**Details:**

There are no additional financial implications arising from this report.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

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**Legal (including Data Protection):** Yes ☐ No ☒

**Details:**

There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

**Staffing:**

Yes ☐

No ☒

**Details:**

There are no staffing issues arising directly from this report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

**DECISION INFORMATION**

Decision Information	
<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:  <b>NEDDC:</b> <b>Revenue - £125,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £310,000 <input type="checkbox"/></b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
<b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b> (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
<b>District Wards Significantly Affected</b>	None
<b>Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) details:</b>	
<b>Stage 1 screening undertaken</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed EIA stage 1 to be appended if not required to do a stage 2</li> </ul>	No, not applicable
<b>Stage 2 full assessment undertaken</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed EIA stage 2 needs to be appended to the report</li> </ul>	No, not applicable
<b>Consultation:</b> <b>Leader / Deputy Leader <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></b> <b>SMT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/></b> <b>Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></b>	Yes  Details:

**Links to Council Plan priorities;**

- A great place that cares for the environment
- A great place to live well
- A great place to work
- A great place to access good public services

All

**REPORT DETAILS****1     Background** *(reasons for bringing the report)*

1.1     The Statement of Accounts is a statutory document which sets out the Council's income and spending during the financial year and its balances at the end of the financial year. The Council published its audited Statement of Accounts in respect of 2023/24 on 28 February 2025 as per the statutory backstop date.

1.2     The statements were audited by the Council's external auditors, Forvis Mazars LLP.

**2.     Details of Proposal or Information**

2.1     The auditor's annual report summarises the work undertaken by the Council's external Auditors, Forvis Mazars LLP, for the year ended 31 March 2024. It provides an opinion on the financial statements, the Council's value for money arrangements and any other wider reporting responsibilities.

2.2     The report is attached at Appendix 1 for the Council's consideration.

**3     Reasons for Recommendation**

3.1     To ensure that Council is able to effectively consider the outcomes of the work undertaken by the Council's external auditors.

**4     Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

4.1     There are no alternative options for consideration.

**DOCUMENT INFORMATION**

Appendix No	Title
1	Auditor's Annual Report 2023/24 – Forvis Mazars
<b>Background Papers</b> (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)	
None	