

## **Blaby District Council**

### **Audit and Corporate Governance Committee**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	28 April 2025
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Annual Audit Report 2023/24</b>
<b>Report Author</b>	Finance Group Manager

#### **1. What is this report about?**

- 1.1 The report enables the Council's external auditors, Azets to present the Annual Audit Report in relation to the completion of the 2023/24 audit of accounts.
- 1.2 To draw attention to the key messages from the auditors, included within the Auditor's Report.

#### **2. Recommendation(s)**

- 2.1 That the Annual Audit Report is acknowledged and approved.

#### **3. Reason for Decision(s) Recommended**

- 3.1 The Audit and Corporate Governance Committee should be made aware of the contents of any reports from the external auditors.

#### **4. Matters to consider**

##### **4.1 Background**

Azets draft Audit Completion Report for the 2023/24 Annual Accounts was presented to Audit and Corporate Governance Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

Delegated authority was given to allow the Executive Director (Section 151), in consultation with the Chair of Audit and Corporate Governance Committee, to make any minor amendments that may arise after the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> February, and to approve and sign off the audited Financial Statement.

The 2023/24 Financial Statement was subsequently signed on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and published on the Council's website.

The Auditor's Annual Report is attached at Appendix A. The report sets out the detailed findings arising from the audit of accounts. It also provides commentary on the adequacy of the Council's value for money arrangements as well as matters such as the Council's Financial sustainability and the Annual Governance Statement.

**5. What will it cost and are there opportunities for savings?**

5.1 No direct costs arising from this report.

**6. What are the risks and how can they be reduced?**

6.1

Current Risk	Actions to reduce the risks
The detailed risks are set out in the Annual Audit Report (Appendix A).	See Appendix A.

**7. Other options considered**

7.1 None

**8. Other significant issues**

8.1 In preparing this report, the author has considered issues related to Human Rights, Legal Matters, Human Resources, Equalities, Public Health Inequalities, and Climate Local and there are no areas of concern.

**9. Appendix**

9.1 Appendix A – Annual Audit Report 2023/24

**10. Background paper(s)**

None.

**11. Report author's contact details**

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