

**NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY, 12  
NOVEMBER 2025**



<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT - 2023/24 AND 2024/25</b>	
<b>Presented by</b>	Paul Stone Strategic Director of Resources	
<b>Background Papers</b>	<b>Audit and Governance Committee – 23 April 2025</b> <a href="#">External Audit Plan 2023/24</a>	<b>Public Report:</b> Yes
<b>Financial Implications</b>	There are no financial implications to be considered.	
	<b>Signed off by the Section 151 Officer:</b> Yes	
<b>Legal Implications</b>	There are legal implications to be considered.	
	<b>Signed off by the Monitoring Officer:</b> Yes	
<b>Staffing and Corporate Implications</b>	There are staffing and corporate implications to be considered.	
	<b>Signed off by the Head of Paid Service:</b> Yes	
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To present the Auditor's Annual Report for years ending 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2025.	
<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>THAT THE COMMITTEE NOTES THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT - 2023/24 AND 2024/25 AS SET OUT IN APPENDIX A.</b>	

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The report attached at Appendix A is the External Auditor's (Azets) Auditor's Annual Report (AAR) for the years ended 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2025.
- 1.2 The AAR summarises the work undertaken as the External Auditors for the Council. Although this report is addressed to the Council, it is designed to be read by a wider audience including members of the public and other external stakeholders.
- 1.3 A representative from Azets will be present at the meeting

<b>Policies and other considerations, as appropriate</b>	
Council Priorities:	A well-run council
Policy Considerations:	Not applicable
Safeguarding:	Not applicable
Equalities/Diversity:	Not applicable
Customer Impact:	Not applicable
Economic and Social Impact:	Not applicable
Environment, Climate Change and Zero Carbon	Not applicable
Consultation/Community/Tenant Engagement:	Not applicable
Risks:	Not applicable
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