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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2024

Report of the Director of Finance

Value for money self-assessment

1. Purpose

1.1 To present the value for money self-assessment undertaken by officers as requested by the Council's external auditors, Forvis Mazars.

2. Information and Analysis

2.1 The Accounts of the Council are subject to external audit each year; the currently appointed external auditors are Forvis Mazars.

2.2 There is a requirement for authorities to demonstrate that they provide good value for money under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

2.3 To inform the auditors opinion on the above requirement, they have requested that management undertake a self-assessment of the relevant arrangements.

2.4 This paper presents a copy of that self-assessment to the Committee for its information.

3. Consultation

3.1 Not applicable

4. Alternative Options Considered

4.1 Not applicable, this is a normal request from the Councils auditors

5. Implications

5.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

6. Background Papers

6.1 None

7. Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1 – Implications

8. Recommendation(s)

That Committee:

a) Notes the value for money self-assessment undertaken by management and submitted to Forvis Mazars.

9. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

9.1 To promote good governance and transparency the response is provided for the Committee's information.

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Implications

Financial

1.1 The Council has a duty under the Local Government Act 1999 to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness. These arrangements to secure 'value for money' should ensure that the Council makes best use of the resources it has available. Failure to put in place arrangements to secure value for money may result in additional or unnecessary costs being incurred by the Council.

Legal

2.1 Provision of the self-assessment referred to in the report demonstrates the steps the Council is taking to comply with its duty under the Local Government Act 1999 to secure continuous improvement.

Human Resources

3.1 There are a number of areas highlighted within the Value for Money Self-Assessment which have workforce implications. These will be dealt with under the Councils established policies and procedures.

Information Technology

4.1

Equalities Impact

5.1

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

6.1

Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental, Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)

7.1