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| <b>Meeting:</b>      | Transport for the North Audit and Governance Committee |
| <b>Subject:</b>      | External Audit Update                                  |
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| <b>Sponsor:</b>      | N/A  |
| <b>Meeting Date:</b> | Friday 15 September 2023                               |

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**1. Purpose of the Report:**

- 1.1 To enable Mazars, as TfN's External Auditor, to report upon the progress of the external Statutory audit.

**2. Recommendations:**

- 2.1 That the committee notes the External Audit report.

**3. Key Points:**

- 3.1 Mazars have provided the draft Audit Completion report and will brief Members on its contents and answer questions during the meeting.

**4. Corporate Considerations:**

**Financial Implications**

- 4.1 The financial implications are detailed in the report

**Resource Implications**

- 4.2 There are no resource implications as a result of the report.

**Legal Implications**

- 4.3 There are no legal implications as a result of the report.

**Risk Management and Key Issues**

- 4.4 The risks associated with the audits are detailed in the report.

**Environmental Implications**

- 4.5 A full impact assessment has not been carried out because it is not required for this report.

**Equality and Diversity**

- 4.6 A full impact assessment has not been carried out because it is not required for this report.

**Consultations**

- 4.7 A consultation has not been carried out because it is not necessary for this report.

**5. Background Papers:**

- 5.1 There are no background papers to this report.

**6. Appendices:**

- 6.1 Appendix 1 – External Audit Completion Report