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Name and date of Committee	AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 19 MARCH 2024
Subject	INTERIM AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT ON WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL (VALUE FOR MONEY ARRANGEMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS)
Wards affected	All
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Summary/Purpose	To provide Members with the Interim Auditor's Annual Report on Value for Money Arrangements and Recommendations 2022/23.
Annexes	Annex A – Interim Auditor's Annual Report on Value for Money Arrangements and Recommendations 2022/23 – March 2024.
Recommendation(s)	That the Audit and Governance Committee resolves to: I. Note the contents of the report and appendix.
Corporate priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Putting Residents First• A Good Quality of Life for All• A Better Environment for People and Wildlife• Responding to the Climate and Ecological Emergency• Working Together for West Oxfordshire
Key Decision	NO
Exempt	NO
Consultees/ Consultation	NO

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Under the National Audit Office (NAO) Code of Audit Practice (“the Code”) external auditors are required to consider whether the Council has put in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.
- 1.2 This report details the auditor’s findings with regards to the Council’s arrangements for 2022/23.
- 1.3 No significant weaknesses in arrangements were identified.
- 1.4 Improvement recommendations have been made and management responses to each of these are included in the report.
- 1.5 This report also includes a “Follow-up of previous recommendations” section (page 38 of the report).

2. MAIN POINTS

- 2.1 The appendix to this report contains the Interim Auditor’s Annual Report on West Oxfordshire District Council 2022/23 – March 2024.
- 2.2 Jason R Granger, from Grant Thornton, will be joining the meeting and presenting the report.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 3.1 None.

4. CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 The Audit and Governance Committee are requested to note the report.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None.

7. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 None.

8. EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 8.1 None.

9. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IMPLICATIONS

None.

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