

AUDIT COMMITTEE



26 February 2015

External Audit: Certification of Claims and Returns

Report of the External Auditor

Purpose of the Report

1. This report requests that the Committee note the external auditor's report on grant certification for 2013/2014.

Background

2. The certification arrangements are comprised by a series of certification instructions which the external auditor must comply with.
3. The certification work required will vary according to the value of the claim or return in terms of the amount claimed or reported and the external auditors assessment of the control environment for the preparation of the claim or return.
4. The report details the grant claims examined by Mazars and is attached for members information.

Summary of Certification Work

5. The grant certification work that has been completed includes:
 - Housing and Council Tax Benefit Subsidy.
 - Pooling of Housing Capital Receipts Return.
 - Homes and Communities Agency (Travellers).
 - School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) 2012/13.
 - Decent Homes Backlog Programme Funding.
 - European Regional Development Funding (ERDF) – NETPark Connector Project Claim.

Recommendation

6. The Committee is requested to note the contents of the external auditor's Grant report.

Appendix 1: Implications

Finance

No direct implications as a result of this report.

Staffing

None

Risk

None

Equality and Diversity/Public Sector Equality Duty

None

Accommodation

None

Crime and disorder

None.

Human rights

None

Consultation

None

Procurement

None

Disability Discrimination Act

None

Legal Implications

None