

EXTERNAL AUDITORS' CERTIFICATION OF CLAIMS AND RETURNS 2015/16

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To present the external auditor's report regarding certification of grant claims and returns made in 2016/17.

2.0 Introduction

2.1 Each year an audit of the Council's grant claims and returns is carried out by the Council's external auditors, KPMG. The report for 2016/17 attached at Appendix A covers one grant claim totalling £25.98m and one return.

3.0 Certification of Claims & Returns

3.1 An un-qualified opinion was given for the audit of the Housing Benefit Subsidy grant.

3.2 No issues were found with the Capital Receipts Pooling return.

3.3 No adjustments were necessary to either the Council's grants or returns as a result of the certification work for 2016/17.

4.0 Fees

4.1 The total fee for the grants and returns certification work was £11,022, an increase of £2,497 compared to the 2015/16 fee. This was in-line with that of the indicative fee set by Public Sector Audit Appointments.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION that

Members consider and comment on the external auditors report on the certification of grant claims and returns for 2016/17.

Background Papers

Nil

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