



AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Report Title	Certification of Grants and Returns 2011/12
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AGENDA STATUS: PUBLIC

Audit Committee Meeting Date:	18 March 2013
Policy Document:	No
Directorate:	Resources
Accountable Cabinet Member:	Cllr Alan Bottwood

1. Purpose

1.1 This report presents the KPMG report on the Certification of Grants and Returns 2011/12 for consideration.

2. Recommendations

2.1 To note the KPMG report on the Certification of Grants and Returns 2011/12.

3. Issues and Choices

3.1 Report Background

3.1.1 Each year the authority's external auditors prepare a report on their audit of relevant grants and returns. This document is attached at appendix A.

3.2 Issues

3.2.1 The report confirms the change of auditor from the Audit Commission to KPMG from 1 September 2012, and notes that the certification work completed by the Audit Commission prior to that date forms the basis of this report.

- 3.2.2 Page 3 of the report raises a minor technical qualification on the Housing and Council Tax Benefit Claim. The issue identified that led to this qualification had no effect on the amount claimed.
- 3.2.3 No amendments to any grant claims were required as a result of the audit (compared to 2 amendments being necessary the previous year).
- 3.2.4 The report also mentions that grants and returns were submitted on a timely basis and that working papers were of good quality.

3.3 Choices (Options)

- 3.3.1 The Committee is invited to comment on the KPMG report on the Certification of Grants and Returns 2011/12 and matters arising from it.

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Policy

- 4.1.1 There are no policy implications arising from this report.

4.2 Resources and Risk

- 4.2.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4.3 Legal

- 4.3.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

4.4 Equality

- 4.4.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

4.5 Consultees (Internal and External)

- 4.5.1 None.

4.6 Other Implications

- 4.6.1 Not applicable.

5. Background Papers

- 5.1 Appendix 1 – KPMG Report on the Certification of Grants and Returns 2011/12

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