

DELOITTE - ANNUAL GRANT AUDIT LETTER

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SUMMARY

This report provides a summary of the key findings on the grant work undertaken by Deloitte for the year ended 31 March 2013.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to note the report.

INFORMATION

The attached report addressed to the Audit Committee on 2013 Grant Certifications has been completed by the Council's external auditors Deloitte to communicate the key issues arising from their 2012/13 grant certification work.

Deloitte were responsible for certifying 4 claims and returns, all of which were certified by the required deadline and their key findings from this work were that as a result of errors identified during the audit, an adjustments were made to 1 return prior to certification and a qualification letter was issued in respect of 1 grant claim. The reason for the qualification was as follows:

- Housing and council tax benefit scheme (BEN01) – initial testing of 80 cases identified errors on 8 cases. As a result further testing was carried out including cases with a past history of error. The subsidy claim was not amended for these errors.

The total fees charged for the grant certification work for 2012/13 was £90,200 compared to £115,399 for 2011/12. However, on a like for like basis, taking out the cost of the grant claims that dropped out in 2012/13, there was spend of £92,320 in 2011/12. The like for like fall in value was therefore £2,120, however the cost of the BEN01 grant claim rose by £13,620 and the other claims fell by £15,740.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising from this report.