

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 2010.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee is asked to note the report.

INFORMATION

The attached report addressed to the Audit Committee on 2010 Grant Certifications has been completed by the Council's external auditors Deloitte to communicate the key issues arising from their 2009/10 grant certification work.

The key findings of the report were:

1. All grants were submitted and certified by the required deadline.
2. As a result of errors identified during the audit of the grant claims adjustments were made to 4 grant claims prior to certification.
 - NNDR Return
 - Teachers' pension return
 - Hillingdon Workmates
 - Hillingdon Lido

The adjustments all related to compilation errors on the claim forms. Two of these adjustments exceeded £10,000, but neither resulted in a change to the overall entitlement of the claim.

3. A qualification letter was issued in respect of the Housing and Council Tax Benefits Scheme. A high level comparison of the number of errors with 2009/10, when only 2 errors were discovered which did not require further testing, identified 8 errors all of which required some additional testing. The total value of the claim was £150.6m

The total fees charged for the grant certification work was £155,364, compared to £136,768 last year. Of this fee, £100,304 relates to the housing and council tax benefits claim.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None