
GRANT CERTIFICATION PLAN 2012/13

To: **Governance and Audit Committee – 25 September 2013**

Main Portfolio Area: **Finance and Corporate Services**

By: **Director, Grant Thornton**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Summary: **To provide Governance and Audit Committee with the grant certification work plan for 2012/13.**

For Information

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Audit Commission makes certification arrangements with grant-paying bodies, including confirming which claims and returns require certification and issuing certification instructions. These instructions are tailored to each scheme and set out the specific procedures to be applied in examining the claim or return. The Audit Commission agrees the deadline for submission of each claim by authorities and the deadline for certification by auditors.

As the Council's appointed external auditor, Grant Thornton undertake grant certification work acting as an agent of the Audit Commission.

2.0 The Current Situation

2.1 The 2012/13 audit plan is attached and sets out the audit approach for certifying the following 3 claims:

- Housing and council tax benefits scheme (BEN01)
- Pooling of housing capital receipts (CFB06)
- National non-domestic rates return (LA01)

3.0 Recommendation(s)

3.1 That Members note the content of this report.

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Annex List

Annex 1	Grant Thornton 2012/13 Grant Certification Plan
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