

**EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT
CERTIFICATION OF GRANT CLAIMS 2008/09**

(Report by the Audit & Risk Manager)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In September 2009 the Audit Commission published a report "Review of Arrangements for Certifying Claims and Returns" that made a number of recommendations for improving grant certification work.
- 1.2 The External Auditor is now required to present an annual report to those charged with governance on the results of their certification work.

2. GRANT CERTIFICATION

- 2.1 This Council has no role in determining the scope of the grant certification work or level of fees payable. These are determined by the Audit Commission. The fees payable by this Council for this certification work was £18,020.
- 2.2 The annual report received from Grant Thornton is attached.
- 2.3 There are no significant issues identified in the report that require action to be taken by the Council.

3. RECOMMENDATION


- 3.1 The Panel is recommended to note the report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

None

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