

Classification: Part A

Key Decision: No

Gravesham Borough Council

Report to: Finance & Audit Committee
Date: 23 June 2015
Reporting officer: Vaughan Matthews, Grant Thornton LLP
Subject: 2013-14 External Audit Grant Certification Report

Purpose and summary of report:

To provide Members with a summary of the external audit findings and issues arising from Grant Claim certification work completed by Grant Thornton relating to 2013-14.

Recommendations:

The Finance and Audit Committee is invited to:

- a) Note the findings and conclusions of the grant certification work undertaken relating to 2013-14; and
- b) Agree the recommendation made in the report.

1. Background to the report

- 1.1 Grant Thornton LLP, as the council's auditor and acting as agents of the Audit Commission, are required to certify certain claims and returns submitted by the council. The report attached at appendix two summarises the overall findings of grant certification work completed for 2013-14 and draws attention to significant matters in relation to individual claims. Two claims and returns have been certified for the 2013-14 financial year relating to expenditure of £40.3 million.

2. Contacts

- 2.1 Grant Thornton LLP are the authors of the report.

3. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 3.1 There are no background papers to this report.

IMPLICATIONS		APPENDIX 1	
Legal	N/A		
Finance and Value for Money	N/A		
Risk Assessment	N/A		
Equality Impact Assessment	Screening for Equality Impacts		
	Question	Answer	Explanation
	a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	N/A
	b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	No	N/A
	c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		N/A
<i>In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above</i>			
Corporate Business Plan	N/A		
Crime and Disorder	N/A		