

**Classification:** Part A

**Key Decision:** No

## **Gravesham Borough Council**

**Report to:** Finance & Audit Committee  
**Date:** 13 March 2018  
**Reporting officer:** Emily McKeown, Grant Thornton  
**Subject:** 2016-17 External Audit Grant Certification Letter

### **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 2016-17.

### **Recommendation:**

The Finance and Audit Committee is invited to note the findings and conclusions of the grant certification work undertaken relating to 2016-17.

## **1. Background to the report**

- 1.1 Grant Thornton, as the council's auditor, are required to certify certain claims and returns submitted by the Council. The letter attached at appendix two summarises the overall findings of grant certification work completed for 2016-17. Grant Thornton was required to certify the Housing Benefit Subsidy claim for the year relating to expenditure of £34.5 million.

## **2. Contacts**

- 2.1 Grant Thornton are the author of the report.

## **3. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 3.1 There are no background papers to this report.

IMPLICATIONS		APPENDIX 1
<b>Legal</b>	N/A	
<b>Finance and Value for Money</b>	Contained within the report.	
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	N/A	
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>	<b>Screening for Equality Impacts</b>	
	<b>Question</b>	
	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? If yes, please explain answer. No	
	b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality? If yes, please explain answer. No	
<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>		
<b>Corporate Plan</b>	Corporate Plan Objective 4 – Sound and Self-Sufficient Council.	
<b>Crime and Disorder</b>	N/A	
<b>Digital and website implications</b>	N/A	
<b>Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults</b>	N/A	