

Report to:	AUDIT COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Iain Leviston, Manager, KPMG
Date of Meeting	10 March 2015

CERTIFICATION OF GRANTS AND RETURNS 2014/2015

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the External Auditor's report on the certification of grants and returns 2014/2015.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To note the report and make any recommendations as considered appropriate.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To enable the Committee to consider a report from the External Auditor in relation to the certification of grants and returns 2013/2014 and make appropriate recommendations.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priorities are

- "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool"
- "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

5.0 Background Information

- 5.1 The report summarises the results of work the external auditor has carried out on the Council's 2014/15 grant claims and returns.
- 5.2 The report includes the work completed under the Public Sector Audit Appointment certification arrangements, as well as the work completed on other grants/returns under separate engagement terms.
- 5.3 A detailed summary of the key outcomes of the work has been included within the report.
- 5.4 Information on the certification work fees has also been provided within the report.
- 5.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 5a: Certification of claims and returns 2014/2015

6.0 Legal considerations:

- 6.1 None

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

- 7.1 None

8.0 Equalities considerations:

- 8.1 None

9.0 Financial considerations:

- 9.1 None

10.0 Risk management considerations:

- 10.1 None

11.0 Ethical considerations:

- 11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None