

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

CERTIFICATION OF GRANTS AND RETURNS 2015/2016

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the External Auditor's report on the certification of grants and returns 2015/2016.

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 2015/2016 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 2015/16 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 9(a): Certification of claims and returns 2015/2016.

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