

Report to:	FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Trevor Rees, KPMG
Date of Meeting	5 th March 2015

CERTIFICATION OF GRANTS AND RETURNS 2013/2014

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the External Auditor's report on the certification of grants and returns 2013/2014.

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, as the External Auditor is required by the Audit Commission to provide a report to Committee.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is:

- Deliver quality services through a professional, well-rewarded and

motivated workforce

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Audit Commission requires external auditors to prepare an annual report on the claims and returns it certifies for the Council.

5.2 The report summarises the results of the work on the certification of Blackpool Council's 2013/2014 grant claims and returns.

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.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 4(a): Certification of claims and returns 2013/2014

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