

Report to: **Audit, Best Value and Community Services Scrutiny Committee**

Date: **17 March 2015**

By: **Chief Operating Officer**

Title of report: **External Audit Report on grant claim and returns certification for the year ended 31 March 2014**

Purpose of report: **To report to the Committee the external auditor's findings from grant certification work for the financial year 2013/14 in line with the requirements of the Audit Commission**

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to note the report.

1. Background

1.1 KPMG carried out certification work on the TRA11 – Local Transport Plan Major Projects claim during the year at a cost of £1,467 to the Council.

2. Supporting Information

2.1 The Audit Commission requires all local authority external auditors to provide a summary report on grant claim that they have audited during the year, to those charged with governance by 31 March. The attached report from the County Council's external auditors KPMG covers a grant relating to the financial year 2013/14, and audited during 2014/15.

2.2 Members will note that the external auditor is positive about the Council's processes for grant certification and makes no recommendations for improvement.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 KPMG undertake grant claim and return certification as an agent of the Audit Commission, in accordance with Certification Instructions issued by the Audit Commission. The audit did not identify any matters which require reporting to members. No amendments were made to the grant claim and no qualification letter was issued.

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Background Documents
None