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Dear Members

Certification of claims and returns - annual report 2013/14

The Audit Commission requires its external auditors to prepare an annual report on the claims and returns it certifies for each client. This letter is our annual report for the certification work we have undertaken for 2013/14 for those grants certified under the Audit Commission's certification regime.

In 2013/14 we carried out certification work on the TRA11 – Local Transport Plan Major Projects claim (certified value: £34,111,011).

Matters arising

Our certification work did not identify any issues or errors with the claim, and we certified the claim unqualified without amendment.

Consequently we have made no recommendations to the Authority to improve its claims completion process and there are no further matters to report to you regarding our certification work.

Certification work fees

The Audit Commission set an indicative fee for our certification work in 2013/14 of £0. This is because the Audit Commission sets scale fees for grants certification based on the level of work undertaken two years previously, and the TRA11 claim was not required to be certified in 2011/12. The fee which we have agreed with the Authority and the Audit Commission for this work is £1,467, which has been agreed through the Audit Commission's fee variation process.



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Tamas Wood'.

Tamas Wood

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