

Report to: **Audit, Best Value and Community Services Scrutiny Committee**
Date: **15 March 2016**
By: **Chief Operating Officer**
Title of report: **KPMG Certification of Grant Claims and Returns for the year ended 31 March 2015**
Purpose of report: **To report to the Committee the external auditor's findings from grant certification work for the financial year 2014/15.**

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to note the report.

1. Background

1.1 The Council is responsible for compiling grant claims and returns in accordance with the requirements and the timescales set by central government.

2. Supporting Information

2.1 The Council's external auditors (KPMG) annually review the claims/returns through a grants certification audit. KPMG require the Council to communicate the key messages from the grants certification audit with those charged with governance, which at East Sussex County Council is the Audit, Best Value and Community Services Scrutiny Committee. The attached report from KPMG covers a grant audited during 2014/15.

2.2 There was only one claim/return audited by KPMG in relation to the 2014/15 financial year, which is the certification work on the TRA11 – Local Transport Plan Major Projects claim during the year at a cost of £1,467 to the Council.

2.3 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 undertakes grant claim/return certification and 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