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Dear Members

**Certification of claims and returns - annual report 2014/15**

This report summarises the results of work we have carried out on the Council's 2014/15 grant claims and returns. This encompasses the work we have completed under the Public Sector Audit Appointment (PSAA) certification arrangements.

In 2014/15 we carried out certification work on the TRA11 – Local Transport Plan Major Projects claim (certified value: £8,418,761).

**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 PSAA set an indicative fee for our certification work in 2013/14 of £0. This is because the PSAA 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 PSAA for this work is £1,467, which has been agreed through the PSAA's fee variation process.

Yours sincerely



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