

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

21 January 2014

EXTERNAL AUDIT – CERTIFICATION OF GRANTS ANNUAL REPORT 2012/13 AND AUDIT UPDATE

Report of the Director of Resources

STRATEGIC AIM:	All
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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of the outcome of external audits grants certification work for 2012/13 and to give a general update on external audit progress.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the annual report at Appendix A from External Audit and the progress report at Appendix B.

3. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To ensure that the Committee is aware of the results of external audit work for 2012/13.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Each year the External Auditor certifies grant claims and reports the results to grant paying bodies/departments.
- 4.2 The External Auditor has audited three claims – Housing and Council Tax Benefit, Teachers' Pension Agency and National Non Domestic Rates Return and has issued unqualified opinions in all cases.
- 4.3 There are no matters arising to which the Council needs to respond to from either the grants annual report or the progress report, but the Committee should note that in line with Auditing standards, Tony Crawley has taken over as the Director responsible for the Rutland audit.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

RISK	IMPACT	COMMENTS
Time	Low	N/A
Viability	Low	There are no direct implications within this report
Finance	Low	There are no direct implications within this report
Profile	Medium	External assessment of the Council's performance attracts interest locally and nationally.

Equality and Diversity	Low	Equality Impact Assessment completed, there are no issues from this report.
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Background Papers

None

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