



**Corporate Governance Group**

**Thursday, 7 February 2019**

**Certification of Grants and Return Annual Report 2017/18**

## **Report of the Executive Manager – Finance and Corporate Services**

### **1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1. The report from KPMG summarises the work undertaken during 2018/19 in relation to grant claims and returns for the financial year 2017/18.

### **2. Recommendation**

It is RECOMMENDED that the Corporate Governance Group accept the report.

### **3. Reasons for Recommendation**

To conform with best audit practice, good governance and the requirements of the Council's external auditors.

### **4. Supporting Information**

- 4.1. The attached report summarises the results of the audit of the Housing Benefit Subsidy Claim 2017/18 and the resultant costs of the audit. The audit identified no significant issues or errors and KPMG certified the claim without amendment. Overall, the claim was unqualified and KPMG made no recommendations to improve the claims completion process. The actual fee was £6,898; the same as the indicative fee set by the Public Sector Audit Appointments.

### **5. Alternative options considered and reasons for rejection**

Not applicable.

### **6. Risks and Uncertainties**

- 6.1. If recommendations are not acted upon there is a risk internal controls are weakened and the risk materialises.

### **7. Implications**

#### **7.1. Financial Implications**

7.1.1. Financial implications are covered in paragraph 4.1.

## 7.2. Legal Implications

7.2.1. There are no legal implications to this report.

## 7.3. Equalities Implications

7.3.1. There are no equalities implications to this report.

## 7.4. Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Implications

7.4.1. There are no Section 17 implications to this report.

## 7.5. Other implications

7.5.1. There are no other implications.

## 8. Link to Corporate Priorities

- Transforming the Council to enable the delivery of efficient high quality services

## 9. Recommendations

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<b>Background papers available for Inspection:</b>	None
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix – KPMG Annual Report