

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## REPORT TO: AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2011
<b>Report of:</b>	Borough Treasurer & Head of Assets
<b>Subject/Title:</b>	Certification of Claims and Returns – Annual Report

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### **1.0 Report Summary**

- 1.1 The report provides a summary of the key findings that have been identified during the Audit Commission's certification process for 2009-10 specific grant income.

### **2.0 Recommendation**

- 2.1 That members receive and comment on the Grants Certification Report which is attached as Annex 1.

### **3.0 Reasons for Recommendations**

- 3.1 To ensure that members consider the issues and recommendations raised within the report.

### **4.0 Wards Affected**

- 4.1 Not applicable.

### **5.0 Local Ward Members**

- 5.1 Not applicable.

### **6.0 Policy Implications**

- 6.1 None.

### **7.0 Financial Implications (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)**

- 7.1 As covered in the report.

### **8.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)**

- 8.1 None.

## **9.0 Risk Management**

- 9.1 The risks associated with the findings of this report relate to a position where the Council may not meet the conditions required for grant funding and a financial liability is incurred.

## **10.0 Background and Options**

- 10.1 The report summarises the findings from the certification of 2009-10 claims and includes recommendations arising from the auditor's assessment of the Councils arrangements for preparing claims and returns and information on claims that were amended or qualified.
- 10.2 The report recommends the strengthening of arrangements to ensure that all claims and returns are submitted in accordance with the timetable and improvements in supporting documentation.
- 10.3 The fees associated with the grant certification work in 2009-10 were £77,170.

## **11.0 Access to Information**

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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