

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Audit and Governance Committee

Date of Meeting:	28 th March 2013
Report of:	Finance Manager
Subject/Title:	Certification of Claims and Returns – Annual Report
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Peter Raynes (Finance)

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The report provides a summary of the key findings that have been identified during the external auditor's certification process for 2011/12 specific grant income.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee receive and comment on the Grants Certification Report which is attached as Appendix 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 including – Carbon Reduction, Health

- 6.1 None.

7.0 Financial Implications

- 7.1 As covered in the report.

8.0 Legal Implications

- 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 2011/12 claims. It 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 recognises the improvement in the process from 2010/11:
- all claims were submitted by the required dates and all were certified by the audit deadlines;
 - there were fewer claims requiring amendments and qualifications in 2011/12.
- 10.3 The fees associated with the grant certification work in 2011/12 were £54,582.

11.0 Access to Information

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

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Appendix 1 - Certification work report 2011/12