

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## Audit and Governance Committee

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

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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 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