

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## REPORT TO: AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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**Date of Meeting:** 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014  
**Report of:** Chief Operating Officer  
**Subject/Title:** Certification Report 2012/13  
**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 Auditors' certification process for 2012/13 claims and returns.

### **2.0 Recommendation**

- 2.1 That members 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 (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)**

- 8.1 There are no specific legal issues associated with this report.

## **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 2012/13 claims and includes an assessment of the Council's management arrangements in respect of the certification process and draws attention to significant matters in relation to individual claims.
- 10.2 The fees associated with the grant certification work in 2012/13 were £41,600.

## **11.0 Access to Information**

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

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Appendix 1: Grant Thornton Certification Report 2012/13 for Cheshire East Council