
GRANTS AND RETURNS – EXTERNAL AUDIT SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of Report

1. To present the external audit summary report on the results of their grants testing.

Information and Analysis

2. **Attached** is a copy of the report produced by PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC) that summarises the high level results of their grants testing in 2006/07.
3. Representatives from PwC will attend the meeting to present the report.
4. The external audit work carried out identified that a number of grant claims and returns submitted by the Council during the year were either qualified or required amendment. Appropriate recommendations to improve grant management arrangements were made and are to be implemented by officers.

Legal Implications

5. This report has been considered by the Borough Solicitor for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Borough Solicitor considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members, other than those highlighted in the report.

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

6. The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area. It is not considered that the contents of this report have any such effect.

Recommendation

7. It is recommended that the report be noted.

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Director of Corporate Services

Background Papers

External Audit report on 2005/06 Grants and Returns.

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