
ANNUAL CERTIFICATION REPORT 2008-09

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of Report

1. To present the external audit Annual Certification Report on the results of their grants testing.

Summary

2. Attached (**Appendix A**) is a copy of the report produced by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) that summarises the high level results of their grants certification testing.
3. A representative from PwC will attend the meeting to present the report.
4. The external audit work carried out identified that out of the nine claims certified, five were amended, qualified or amended and qualified. Although this appears to be over half of the claims, in reality PwC have no prescribed materiality threshold and therefore it has to be noted that the majority of the amendments or qualifications were for relatively minor amounts.
5. PwC also point out in their report that all the points raised related to individual claims rather than the overall grants management process.

Recommendation

6. It is recommended that the report be noted

Reasons

7. The recommendation is supported as it comprises part of the Council's corporate governance arrangements

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Director of Corporate Services

Background Papers

- (i) Annual Certification Report 2008/09

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S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no specific issues which relate to crime and disorder.
Health and Well Being	There is no specific health and well being impact.
Sustainability	There is no specific sustainability impact.
Diversity	There is no specific diversity impact.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected equally.
Groups Affected	All groups are affected equally.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not affect the budget or policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	There is no specific relevance to the strategy beyond the report comprising part of the Council's governance arrangements.
Efficiency	There is no specific efficiency impact.