
ANNUAL CERTIFICATION REPORT 2009-10

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of Report

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

Summary

2. Attached 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 eight claims certified, three were amended, and two were 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 and not all of the amendments resulted in a financial impact on the claim.
5. PwC also point out in their report that the Council continues to have in place generally robust arrangements for monitoring grant income and compiling annual returns.

Recommendation

6. It is recommended that the Committee consider:
 - The adequacy of the proposed management action plan for 2009/10 as set out in Appendix B; and
 - The adequacy of progress made in implementing the prior year action plan in Appendix C

Reasons

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

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Director of Resources**

Background Papers

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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.
Carbon Impact	There is no specific carbon 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.