
ANNUAL CERTIFICATION REPORT 2013/14

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To present the external audit Annual Certification 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 certification testing.
3. A representative from PwC will attend the meeting to present the report.
4. The external audit work identified that out of the two claims and returns certified worth a net total of £39,472,546, one required a qualification letter to set out the matters arising from the findings. However, after reviewing the qualification letter the DWP are happy that there are no outstanding issues and the claim has been settled on the submitted amount of £38,842,076.

Recommendation

5. It is recommended that the Committee consider:
 - (a) The matters raised on **page 4** of the attached report and DWP's subsequent response and action.
 - (b) The adequacy of progress made in implementing the prior year action plan in **Appendix A**.

Reason

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

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Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources**

Background Papers

Annual Certification Report to those charged with governance 2013/14.

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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.