
ANNUAL CERTIFICATION REPORT 2014/15

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

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

Information & 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 the claim certified, worth a net total of £38,723,381, required five amendments and two matters required a qualification letter to set out the matters arising from the findings. The amendments altered the final claim to £38,704,062 but as of the present time we have had no confirmation off the DWP as to what course of action they were going to take with regard to the final claim amount.
5. The final outcome from the DWP will be reported at a future meeting of this committee.

Recommendation

6. It is recommended that the Committee:
 - (a) Note the contents of the report.
 - (b) Consider the Management Action Plan (with Management responses) for current year issues as set out in **Appendix A**

Reasons

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

**Paul Wildsmith
Director of Neighbourhood Services & Resources**

Background Papers

Annual Certification Report to those charged with governance 2014/15

Peter Carrick: Extension 5401

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.

