

**AUDIT COMMITTEE  
28 SEPTEMBER 2022**

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**ANNUAL GRANTS CERTIFICATION REPORT 2020/21**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To present the Annual Grants Certification Report and the results of the external audit testing.

**Information and Analysis**

2. The Council engaged its external auditors Ernst & Young (EY) to act as reporting accountants (as per the regulations) in respect of the Housing Subsidy claim, Teachers Pensions and the Housing Pooling return.
3. The external audit work identified that the Housing Subsidy claim certified, did not require a qualification letter although there were minor errors in the sample that amounted to £24.64 (extrapolated to £149 in total) and amendment was made to the claim. The certified claim form was submitted to the DWP by the revised (due to Covid 19) statutory deadline.
4. With regard to the Housing Pooling return, EY identified 2 minor exceptions, both of which were discrepancies on the number of disposals and the stock balance as at the end of March 2021.
5. The Teachers Pension return was submitted on time and EY confirmed that 'No substantive issues were identified from the procedures completed'.
6. EY did not identify any significant issues that required being brought to the attention of Members from any of these claims.
7. The total charge for each of the grants is as follows:

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Housing Benefit subsidy	10,500
Teachers' Pension	5,500
Housing Pooling Return	5,500
Total	<u>21,500</u>

**Recommendation**

8. It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of the report.

**Reason**

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

**Elizabeth Davison**  
**Group Director of Operations**

## **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.
Corporate Plan	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.
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	The report does not impact upon Looked After Children or Care Leavers.