

**TO: GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE  
30 JANUARY 2019**

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**CERTIFICATION OF CLAIMS AND RETURNS ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18  
DIRECTOR: FINANCE**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To enable the Council's External Auditor to present to the Committee their report on the result of the grant claims audit for 2017/18.

**2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 **The Committee notes the External Auditor's Annual Report on grant claims and returns for 2017/18.**

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 3.1 To ensure that the Committee is aware of the results of the grant claims audit for 2017/18.

**4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 None available.

**5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 5.1 The Council's External Auditor Ernst and Young has provided the Committee a report and details setting out its findings in respect of the audit of grant claims for the 2017/18 financial year. Andrew Brittain, Director, Ernst and Young will attend the meeting to present the report and answer questions.

**6 BOROUGH SOLICITOR'S COMMENTS**

- 6.1 Nothing to add to the report.

**7 BOROUGH TREASURER'S COMMENTS**

- 7.1 Nothing to add to the report.

**8 OTHER OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

- 8.1 Not applicable.

**9 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 9.1 Not applicable.

**10 STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

- 10.1 None arising from this report.

**11 PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED**

11.1 Not applicable

**12 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

12.1 BFC HB Certified Claim - Ernst & Young Report

12.2 BFC HB Qualification Letter – Ernst & Young Report

12.3 BFC Annual Certification report – Ernst & Young Report.

**13 CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

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