

Summary Sheet

Council Report Audit Committee

Title

KPMG Grants and Returns Report 2016/17

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No.

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

All

Executive Summary

In agreement with our external auditor, KPMG annually provides feedback on the effectiveness of the Council's arrangements for preparing and submitting government grant claims and returns.

The attached report summarises KPMG's key findings from the certification work they have carried out in 2016/17.

KPMG were required to audit 3 claims and returns in 2016/17 with an aggregate value of £101m and issued an unqualified certificate for all 3.

Recommendation

The Audit Committee is asked to note

- the external auditor's report
- that fees were in line with those charged for 2015/16

List of Appendices Included

KPMG Annual Report on Grants and Returns Work 2016/17

Background Papers

Audit Appointment Letter 2016/17

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

No

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

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1. Recommendation

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- **the external auditor's report**
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2. Background

- 2.1 In agreement with our external auditor, KPMG annually provides feedback on the effectiveness of the Council's arrangements for preparing and submitting government grant claims and returns.

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3. Key Issues

- 3.1 KPMG were required to audit 3 claims and returns in 2016/17 with an aggregate value of £101m and issued an unqualified certificate for all 3.

Minor adjustments were made to the Housing Benefit Subsidy claim as a result of the certification work.

KPMG noted that there were no recommendations outstanding from previous years work, and have made no recommendations following this years certification work.

4. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 4.1 Consideration of alternative options was not required.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 No consultation is required in respect of this report.

6. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 6.1 No decision which will require implementation is anticipated from this report.

7. Financial and Procurement Implications

7.1 The Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) set the Council's indicative 2016/17 Housing Benefit subsidy fee, the actual fee of £15,497 was in line with this.

7.2 KPMG other 'assurance' engagements were subject to agreement directly with the Council and were:

- The Teachers' Pensions Return - £3.3k
- The Pooling of Housing Capital Receipts - £2.5k

8. Legal Implications

8.1 There are no specific Legal implications arising from the report.

9. Human Resources Implications

9.1 There are no Human Resource implications arising from the report.

10. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

10.1 There are no implications arising from the proposals to Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults.

11. Equalities and Human Rights Implications

11.1 There are no implications arising from this report to Equalities and Human Rights.

12. Implications for Partners and Other Directorates

12.1 There are no implications arising from this report to Partners or other directorates.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 There are no outstanding risks or uncertainties as all the 2016/17 claims and returns have been certified and submitted.

14. Accountable Officer(s)

Judith Badger (Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services)

Approvals Obtained from:-

Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services:- Judith Badger

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