

Report to the Audit and Governance Committee



**Epping Forest
District Council**

Report Reference: AGC-024-2011/12

Date of meeting: 5 April 2012

Portfolio: Finance and Economic Development

Subject: Report from the External Auditor

Responsible Officer: Bob Palmer (01992 564279).

Democratic Services: Gary Woodhall (01992 564470).

Recommendations/Decisions Required:

(1) To consider and note the report of the external auditor.

Executive Summary:

This Committee has within its Terms of Reference the considering of reports made by the external auditor. The report is on Grant Claim Certification for the year ended 31 March 2011. This report summarises the main issues arising from the grant claim certification work and includes recommendations and an agreed action plan.

Reasons for Proposed Decisions:

To comply with the Committee's Terms of Reference and ensure the proper consideration of these reports.

Other Options for Action:

Members could ask for additional information on the audit processes applied to any of the grant claims.

Report:

1. The report will be presented to the Committee by Ms Lisa Clampin, Director of Assurance & Advisory.

Resource Implications:

The fees for the 2010/11 audit year have been allowed for in the Council's revised estimates for 2011/12.

Legal and Governance Implications:

There are no legal implications or Human Rights Act issues arising from the recommendations in this report.

Safer, Cleaner, Greener Implications:

There are no implications arising from the recommendations in this report for the Council's commitment to the Nottingham Declaration for climate change, the corporate Safer, Cleaner and Greener initiative or any Crime and Disorder issues within the District.

Consultation Undertaken:

None.

Background Papers:

None.

Impact Assessments:

Risk Management

An action plan has been agreed to address the areas of risk identified in the preparation of grant claims.

Equality and Diversity

Did the initial assessment of the proposals contained in this report for relevance to the Council’s general equality duties, reveal any potentially adverse equality implications? No

Where equality implications were identified through the initial assessment process, has a formal Equality Impact Assessment been undertaken? N/A

What equality implications were identified through the Equality Impact Assessment process?
N/A

How have the equality implications identified through the Equality Impact Assessment been addressed in this report in order to avoid discrimination against any particular group?
N/A