

Report to the Audit and Governance Committee



**Epping Forest
District Council**

Report Reference: AGC-024-2013/14

Date of meeting: 6 February 2014

Portfolio: Finance and Technology

Subject: Reports 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 claims and returns certification for 2012/13. This report summarises the key issues arising from the grant claim certification work and includes recommendations and an 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 process applied to any of the grant claims.

Report:

- The report will be presented to the Committee by Mr David Eagles, Partner.

Resource Implications:

Sufficient allowance was made in the original estimates for 2013/14 to cover the fees for the 2012/13 audit year and so no additional resources are required.

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

Action plans have been agreed to address areas of risk identified during the audit.

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