

# BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

26 SEPTEMBER 2012

### REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE - PERFORMANCE

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE – CERTIFICATION OF GRANTS AND RETURNS 2010-11

#### **1 Purpose of Report.**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Council's External Auditor's report on the grant work undertaken for 2010-11.

#### **2 Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priorities.**

- 2.1 This report is consistent with the Council's Corporate Priorities.

#### **3 Background**

- 3.1 KPMG LLP as appointed auditors of the Council, are asked on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales, to certify larger grant claims made by the Council. For 2010/11 they audited 39 grant claims and returns and certified:-

- 38 grants claims and returns with a total value of £122m

#### **4 Current situation / proposal**

- 4.1 A summary of all claims and returns subject to certification is provided with the report attached at Appendix A, together with the certification fee and outcome of the External Auditor's review.

- 4.2 The certification results are summarised as follows: \_

- 17 certificates were unqualified with no adjustments;
- 4 were unqualified but required a minor adjustment;
- 1 was unqualified but required a significant adjustment;
- 1 required a qualification to audit certificate and an adjustment;
- 12 required a qualification to audit certificate;
- 1 report to the Welsh Funding Office drew no matters to the attention of that body;
- 3 reports to the Welsh European Funding Office drew matters to the attention of that body;
- 1 claim has been audited but the certificate awaits submission to the Welsh Government.

4.3 Overall the Council's External Auditors have concluded that the Council has good arrangements in place for the production and submission of its 2010-11 grant claims, but there still remains scope for improvement as set out in the "Recommendations" section of the attached report and the External Auditors are continuing to work with the Authority to make these improvements for 2011-12.

**5 Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.**

5.1 None

**6 Equality Impact Assessment.**

6.1 There are no equality issues.

**7 Financial Implications.**

7.1 None

**8 Recommendation.**

8.1 That Members note the content of the External Auditor's report on the grant work undertaken for 2010-11.

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**Background Documents**

None