

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

10th APRIL 2014

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR - RESOURCES

AUDIT COMMITTEE – CERTIFICATION OF GRANTS AND RETURNS 2012-13

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 2012-13.

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 2012/13 they audited 31 grant claims and returns and certified:-

- 31 grants claims and returns with a total value of £151m

4 Current situation / proposal

- 4.1 A summary of all claims and returns subject to certification is provided within the report attached at Appendix 1, together with the certification fee and outcome of the External Auditor's review.

- 4.2 The certification results are summarised as follows: _

- 20 certificates were unqualified with no adjustments;
- 5 were unqualified but required a minor adjustment;
- 2 required a qualification to audit certificate and no adjustment;
- 3 reports to the Welsh European Funding Office drew no matters to the attention of that body;
- 1 report to the Welsh European Funding Office drew matters to the attention of that body.

- 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 2012-13 grant claims, were generally good but there is still some scope for improvement as set out in the "Recommendations" section of the attached report and the External Auditors will follow up on these recommendations during the 2013/14 audit.

4.4 In addition and for noting is a list of Senior Officers within the Council who are authorised signatories for grants which is attached at Appendix 2.

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 2012-13 and note the authorised signatories list as set out in Appendix 2.

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Background Documents

None