



AUDIT COMMITTEE - 19TH JUNE 2013

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION OF GRANTS AND RETURNS 2011-12

REPORT BY: ACTING HEAD OF CORPORATE FINANCE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present the Audit Committee with the WAO report on the "Certification of Grants and Returns 2011-12" for Caerphilly CBC. The Council's External Auditors, PriceWaterHouseCoopers will be in attendance to present the detailed report, which is attached.

2. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 2.1 To ensure that the Council's strategies are delivered in a proper and transparent way.

3. THE REPORT

- 3.1 The following provides a brief summary of the findings of the report:-

- The Audit has concluded that whilst the Authority had generally good arrangements in place for the production and submission of its 2011-12 grant claims, there is some scope for improvement. The recommendations arising from the audit and the Authority's response are set out in Appendix 3 of attached report.
- For 2011-12, 34 grant claims were certified, with a total value of £175.3m compared to 33 grants with a total value of £170.1m in 2010-11.
- The Authority submitted 82% of its 2011-12 grant claims on time.
- 23 claims were certified without any qualifications or amendments.
- 4 claims were amended, 3 were amended and qualified and 4 claims were qualified.
- Adjustments were necessary to 7 of the Authority's grants as a result of the Auditors certification work; the net adjustment of £34.8k represents 0.02% of the total grants claimed.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The financial adjustments highlighted in the audit will be actioned.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report is for information only, therefore no Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken.

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no personnel implications.

7. CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 All consultees comments have been reflected in the report.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 That the contents of the report be noted.

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 Wales Audit Office Certification of Grants and Returns 2011-2012