



Report for: Information
Item Number: 8

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Title	KPMG Annual Grants and Returns Report 2016/17
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For Consideration By	Audit Committee
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Implementation Date if Not Called In	N/A
Affected Wards	All
Keywords/Index	Audit, Control, KPMG

Purpose of Report:

KPMG's Annual Grants and Returns Report 2016/17 presents the outcome of their audit work.

KPMG are in attendance at this meeting and will present the Report to members of the Committee.

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Audit Committee note KPMG's Annual Grants and Returns Report 2016/17.

2. Reason for Decision and Options Considered

- 2.1 This is a report for information; no decision is required.

3. Key Implications

- 3.1 KPMG have audited three 2016/17 grant claims:

- Housing Benefit subsidy claim;
- Pooling of Capital Receipts return; and
- Teachers' Pension return.

- 3.2 The outcome of the audit is set out in KPMG's Annual Report on Grants and Returns 2016/17 which is attached to this report as Appendix 1.

- 3.3 KPMG have issued an unqualified certificate for the Housing Benefits subsidy claim. This is the first time for over five years that the claim had been unqualified.
- 3.4 KPMG's work on the other grant assurance engagements also resulted in unqualified assurance reports being issued. The Pooling of Housing Capital Receipts had three adjustments which did not impact on the total housing capital receipts subject to pooling
- 3.5 KMPG have raised no recommendations as a result of the audit.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1 The costs of the audit are set out at page 6 of KPMG's Report at Appendix 1. They cover the Housing Benefit Subsidy audit at a cost of £22,080, the Teachers' Pension Return at £3,000 and the Pooling of Housing Capital Receipts at £3,000; £28,080 in total.. The total costs for 2015/16 were £33,321.

5. Legal

- 5.1 The Council has a duty to comply with the various Local Government Acts and Accountancy Regulations to ensure that its financial stewardship meets the appropriate legal requirements.

6. Value for Money

- 6.1 KPMG have issued an unqualified VFM conclusion confirming the Council has proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the way resources are used.

7. Risk Management

- 7.1 KPMG's Annual Audit Letter (presented to Audit Committee in November 2017) comments that the Medium Term Financial Strategy is sufficiently robust to manage risk and assist the Council in delivering services whilst maintaining financial stability.

8. Community Safety

- 8.1 Not applicable.

9. Links to Strategic Objectives

- 9.1 The issues outlined in this report are linked to the Council's core value of 'securing value for money in everything we do'.

10. Equalities and Community Cohesion

- 10.1 No identified need for the completion of an Equality Impact Assessment.

11. Staffing/Workforce and Accommodation implications

11.1 None

12. Property and Assets

12.1 None

13. Any other implications

13.1 None

14. Consultation

14.1 As per the table below.

15. Timetable for Implementation

15.1 None

16. Appendices

Appendix 1: KPMG Annual Report on Grant Claims and Returns 2016/17

17. Background Information

None

Consultation

Name of consultee	Post held	Date sent to consultee	Date response received	Comments appear in paragraph:
Internal				
Ian O'Donnell	Executive Director of Corporate Resources			Throughout
Ross Brown	Director, Finance	21.2.18	26.2.18	Throughout
Helen Harris	Head of Legal and Democratic	21.2.18	23.2.18	Paragraph 5
Pat Main	Head of Corporate Finance	21.2.18	23.2.18	Throughout
Cllr Yvonne Johnson	Finance, Performance & Customer Services			Throughout