

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Corporate Audit Committee
MEETING DATE:	23rd September 2013
TITLE:	Grant Certification Work Plan
WARD:	All
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List of attachments to this report: Appendix 1 – Grant Certification Work Plan for Bath & North East Somerset Council	

1 THE ISSUE

1.1 The external auditor is required to audit certain claims or returns depending on their financial size. The appendix to the report sets out the plan for the review of these areas.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Corporate Audit Committee is asked to note the report.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from this report other than the fee for this work of £24,550 which has been previously reported.

4 THE REPORT

4.1 Various grant paying bodies require external certification of claims for grant or subsidy and returns of financial information. The Audit Commission make certain arrangements for the certification of these in respect of the external auditor where the claim is above either £125,000 or £500,000.

4.2 The expected areas of review include Housing and Council Tax benefits; National non-domestic rates; Teachers pension scheme and the Local Transport Plan.

4.3 The external auditor will present the report and provide a verbal update to the committee of the likely work and outputs.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 The Council's on-going financial position is an identified risk that is regularly monitored.

6 EQUALITIES

6.1 This report provides information about the financial performance of the Council and therefore no specific equalities impact assessment has been carried out on the report.

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 Consultation has been carried out with the Section 151 Finance Officer.

7.2 Consultation was carried out in meetings and via e-mail.

8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

8.1 This report deals with issues of a corporate nature.

9 ADVICE SOUGHT

9.1 The Council's Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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