

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

21 January 2019

Report of the Director of Finance and Transformation

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 GRANT CERTIFICATION LETTER

This report summarises the outcomes from certification work carried out by our external auditor, Grant Thornton, for 2017/18.

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Certain claims and returns submitted by local authorities require external audit certification. For 2017/18 the only claim requiring external audit certification was the Council's claim for housing benefit subsidy of £34.8m on benefit granted of £35.5m.

1.1.2 External auditors are required to report the outcomes of certification work to those charged with governance which for this purpose is the Audit Committee.

1.1.3 I am pleased to inform Members no amendments to the claim were required following the audit.

1.1.4 A copy of the Certification Letter 2017/18 is attached at **[Annex 1]**.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 External auditors are required to report the outcome of certification work to those charged with governance.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 The fee can be met from within existing budgets.

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 Recommendations made as a result of certification work are discussed with and any resulting actions required agreed with officers.

Background papers:

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Nil

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