

**REPORT TO:** Business Efficiency Board  
**DATE:** 27 March 2019  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community & Resources  
**PORTFOLIO:** Resources  
**SUBJECT:** 2017/18 Housing Benefit Subsidy Claim Certification  
**WARD(S):** Borough-wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To consider the audit and certification of the 2017/18 housing benefit subsidy claim by the Council's external auditor, Grant Thornton.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the audit and certification of the 2017/18 housing benefit subsidy claim, as outlined in the Appendix, be noted.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The Council's external auditor Grant Thornton have completed their audit and certification of the 2017/18 housing benefit subsidy claim. Grant Thornton will attend the meeting to outline the findings of their audit, the outcome of which is presented in the Appendix.

## **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None.

## **5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The Appendix contains details of the external audit fees charged for the audit of the 2017/18 housing benefit subsidy claim.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

**6.1 Children & Young People in Halton**

**6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

**6.3 A Healthy Halton**

**6.4 A Safer Halton**

**6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

There are no direct implications for the Council's priorities.

**7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

**8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None identified.

**9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

9.1 There are none under the meaning of the Act.