

**REPORT TO:** Business Efficiency Board  
**DATE:** 27 February 2013  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director, Policy and Resources  
**PORTFOLIO:** Resources  
**TITLE:** 2011/12 Annual Claims and Returns Report  
**WARDS:** Borough Wide

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To consider the report from the Council's external auditor, Grant Thornton, following the audit of 2011/12 grant claims and returns.

**2.0 RECOMMENDED: That the report from Grant Thornton presented in Appendix 1 be approved.**

**3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The 2011/12 Grant Claims and Returns report summarises the findings from the reviews of the Council's 2011/12 grants claims and returns completed by the Grant Thornton, the Council's external auditor.

3.2 A copy of the 2011/12 Annual Claims and Returns report is attached at Appendix 1.

**4.0 POLICY AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

None

**5.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

There are no direct implications.

**6.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

There are no direct risks involved with this report. However, the work of external audit assists the Council in ensuring that a sound control environment is operated, which minimises financial risks.

**7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

None identified

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

None under the meaning of the Act