

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>2009/10 Certification of Claims and Returns – Annual Report</b>		
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<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Audit Commission</b>		
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE****1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 We would like the committee to review the 2009/10 annual report on the certification of claims and returns.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 To note the 2009/10 annual report on the certification of claims and returns.

**3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:**

- 3.1 This report summarises findings and conclusions from our 2009/10 audit of claims and returns prepared by the Council. The Council receives more than £489 million in funding from various grant paying departments. The grant payment departments attach conditions to many of these grants. The Council must show that it has met these conditions. If it cannot evidence this, the funding can be at risk. It is therefore important that the Council has sound arrangements in this area to avoid funding being lost.
- 3.2 Our work to certify claims and returns during 2009/10 showed that the Council has good arrangements for preparing and managing grant claims and that it submits its claims on time supported, in general, by good quality working papers. There were no qualification issues identified during 2009/10 claim audits.

