## **Certification of Grant Claims**

#### **CROSS CUTTING ISSUES**

#### **LEGAL**

- 1. The Audit Committee has a legal obligation of oversight for the Council's governance arrangements.
- 2. Human Rights Act There are no new direct implications.

#### **VALUE FOR MONEY AND USE OF RESOURCES**

- 3. <u>Finance and other resources, including ICT</u> A core element of the Audit Commission's work is to review the Council's financial statements which are approved each September.
- 4. Staffing The report has not identified any direct implication on staffing.
- 5. <u>Value for Money</u> The auditing of the Council is part of the process to ensure the delivery of value for money.
- 6. Risk Management This is assessed as part of the value for money conclusion.

#### **COMMUNITY**

- 7. <u>Safer & Stronger Communities</u> No new implications.
- 8. <u>Section 17, Crime and Disorder Act 1998</u> No new implications.
- 9. Environment / Sustainability No new implications.

### 10. Equalities

| Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty: |                                                                                                                                                          |        |                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
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| Question                                                        |                                                                                                                                                          | Answer | Explanation / Evidence                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| a.                                                              | Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to disadvantage or discriminate against different groups in the community? | No     | The detail contained within the report provides information on auditing and will therefore cause no adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community. |  |
| b.                                                              | Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have the potential to promote equality of opportunity?                                    | No     | The information contained within the report will lead to an opinion of the external auditor.                                                                                  |  |

| Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty: |        |                        |  |  |
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| Question                                                        | Answer | Explanation / Evidence |  |  |
| c. What steps can be taken to mitigate,                         |        |                        |  |  |
| reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts                           |        |                        |  |  |
| identified above?                                               |        |                        |  |  |

11. <u>Health and Wellbeing</u> – No new implications.

# **COMMUNICATION AND CONSULTATION**

12. The Statement of Accounts will be subject to consideration by the Audit Committee and published onto the Council's website.