

Report to the Audit & Governance Committee



**Epping Forest
District Council**

Report reference: *AGC-002-2009/10*
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Portfolio: Finance & Economic Development.

Subject: External Auditors – Grant Claim Certification 2007/08.

Responsible Officer: Bob Palmer (01992 564279).

Democratic Services Officer: Gary Woodhall (01992 564470).

Recommendations/Decisions Required:

To consider and note the report on Grant Claim Certification 2007/08.

Executive Summary:

The report on Grant Claims Certification is a summary of the audit work performed on the various grant claims made by the Council. This report is being presented for completeness to close the 2007/08 audit process. The main issues in the report have already been discussed by this Committee in considering the draft "Report to those charged with Governance" (18 September 2008), the final "Report to those charged with Governance" (24 November 2008) and the request for additional audit fees for grant work (9 February 2009).

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To comply with the Committee's Terms of Reference.

Other Options for Action:

If Members are to comply with the Committee's Terms of Reference there is no other option.

Resource Implications:

There are no additional resource requirements.

Legal and Governance Implications:

Communication between the External Auditors and this Committee is a key part of the governance framework. Whilst the external audit itself is a statutory requirement.

Safer, Cleaner and Greener Implications:

None.

Consultation Undertaken:

None.

Background Papers:

None.

Impact Assessments:

The proposed decision has no equalities or risk management impacts.