

Audit Committee – 26 September 2013

9. Grant Certification Work Plan for SSDC

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Purpose of the report

This report introduces the work plan from our external auditors Grant Thornton for grant certification work for the 2012/13 financial year.

Recommendation

The Audit Committee is asked to:

- (2) Note the contents of the Grant Certification Work Plan for 2012/13 grant claims.

Introduction

The Grant Certification Work Plan is included within the remit of the Audit Committee under its terms of reference as follows:

“To consider the effectiveness of SSDC’s risk management arrangements, the control environment and associated anti-fraud and corruption arrangements and seek assurance from management that action has been taken”.

“To consider the reports of external audit and inspection agencies and seek assurance from management that action has been taken”.

Grant Claims

The external auditors certify two key claims/ returns for SSDC. These are:

- Housing and Council Tax Benefit Scheme;
- National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR) Return.

The report from Grant Thornton is attached at Appendix A.

Financial Implications

None as a consequence of this report.

Background Papers: *Housing Benefit Subsidy Claim*
National Non-Domestic Rates Return.