

Audit Committee – 26th June 2014

5. Housing Benefit Subsidy certification work plan for South Somerset District Council

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Purpose of the report

This report introduces the certification work plan for Housing Benefits Subsidy from our external auditors Grant Thornton for the year ended 31st March 2014.

Recommendation

The Audit Committee is asked to note the contents of the Housing Benefits Subsidy certification work plan for 2013/14.

Introduction

The Housing Benefits Subsidy 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 Claim

The external auditors now only certify the Housing Benefits Subsidy claim. The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) requires external certification of the claim each year.

Financial Implications

The indicative fee for this work is £10,736 and is within the budget as set.
