

<b>Report To:</b>	<b>AUDIT PANEL</b>
<b>Date:</b>	6 March 2018
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Kathy Roe – Director of Finance Tom Wilkinson – Assistant Director of Finance
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>GRANT CERTIFICATION LETTER 2016-17</b>
<b>Report Summary:</b>	The attached letter from Grant Thornton sets out the results of the Housing Benefit Subsidy Grant Certification work completed in respect of 2016/17.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	That the grant certification letter is noted.
<b>Links to Community Strategy:</b>	Effective corporate governance and a robust approach to economy, efficiency and effectiveness underpin the delivery of the Community Strategy.
<b>Policy Implications:</b>	There are no wider policy implications arising from this report.
<b>Financial Implications: (Authorised by the Section 151 Officer)</b>	The certification of the grants outlined in the report ensures that the level of grant income received is maximised and correctly stated.
<b>Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)</b>	Demonstrates compliance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011.
<b>Risk Management:</b>	The Council has arrangements in place to ensure that the Council meets the required standards in financial reporting. External Audit provides a source of assurance over these arrangements.
<b>Access to Information:</b>	The background papers relating to this report and any further information can be obtained from the report writer, Heather Green, Finance Business Partner



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