



<b>Report To:</b>	<b>AUDIT PANEL</b>
<b>Date:</b>	1 March 2016
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Peter Timmins – Assistant Executive Director, (Finance)
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>GRANT THORNTON – GRANT CERTIFICATION REPORT 2014/15</b>
<b>Report Summary:</b>	The attached report from Grant Thornton sets out the Grant Certification Report for 2014/2015.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	That the Audit Panel notes the report.
<b>Links to Community Strategy:</b>	Effective corporate governance and a robust approach to economy and efficiency underpin the delivery of the Community Strategy; the role of the External Auditor is to assist the Council to achieve this.
<b>Policy Implications:</b>	External audit of the Council supports the achievement of Council objectives and demonstrates a commitment to high standards of corporate governance.
<b>Financial Implications:</b> <b>(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 correct.
<b>Legal Implications:</b> <b>(Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)</b>	Demonstrates compliance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011.
<b>Risk Management:</b>	Ensuring that the Council meets the required standards in financial reporting, supports corporate governance objectives and ensures risk is managed.
<b>Access to Information</b>	<p>The background papers can be obtained from the author of the report, Beverley J Stephens, Head of Resource Management by contacting:</p> <p> Telephone: 0161 342 3887</p> <p> e-mail: <a href="mailto:beverley.stephens@tameside.gov.uk">beverley.stephens@tameside.gov.uk</a></p>