


Report To:	AUDIT PANEL
Date:	7 March 2017
Reporting Officer:	Ian Duncan – Assistant Executive Director (Finance)
Subject:	GRANT THORNTON – GRANT CERTIFICATION REPORT 2015/16
Report Summary:	The attached report from Grant Thornton sets out the Grant Certification Report for 2015/2016.
Recommendations:	That the Audit Panel notes the report.
Links to Community Strategy:	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.
Policy Implications:	External audit of the Council supports the achievement of Council objectives and demonstrates a commitment to high standards of corporate governance.
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the Section 151 Officer)	The certification of the grants outlined in the report ensures that the level of grant income received is maximised and correct.
Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)	Demonstrates compliance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011.
Risk Management:	Ensuring that the Council meets the required standards in financial reporting, supports corporate governance objectives and ensures risk is managed.
Access to Information	The background papers can be obtained from Beverley J Stephens, Head of Resource Management by contacting:  Telephone: 0161 342 3887  e-mail: beverley.stephens@tameside.gov.uk