

**Certification of Claims and Returns –
Annual Report 2013/14**

Portfolio	Corporate
Ward(s) Affected:	n/a

Purpose

To update Members on the outcome of the certifications of claims and returns for Housing Benefit for 2013/14

Background

1. The Council's auditors KPMG are required to certify the accuracy of the Council's claims and returns for Housing Benefit.
2. The purpose of this is to ensure that Benefit payments have been calculated correctly and then reclaimed from Government in line with regulations

Outcome

3. The Auditors have given an unqualified report for the return and their audit report is attached. They are not recommending any changes to changes to processes or procedures.

Resource Implications

4. The fees payable for this audit are disclosed in the attached report.

Recommendation

5. Members are asked to note the report as attached and comment as appropriate.

Annex:

Annex A – Certification of Claims audit report 2013/14

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