

27 March 2013**Agenda Item: 7****REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR - FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT****CERTIFICATION OF CLAIMS AND RETURNS - KPMG ANNUAL REPORT
2011/12****Purpose of the Report**

1. To inform Members of the External Auditors' Annual Report 2011/12 on the certification of Claims and Returns.

Information and Advice

2. The attached report from KPMG summarises the findings from the External Auditor's certification of 2011/12 claims and concludes that there are no recommendations arising. All claims and returns were certified by audit deadlines. The report is presented to Members for their information. The Audit Director (KPMG), Neil Bellamy, and Sarah Draper, the Audit Manager (KPMG), will be in attendance at the meeting to introduce the report and respond to Member's questions.

Statutory and Policy Implications

3. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

4. That Members receive, and comment upon, the Certification of Claims and Returns Annual Report 2011/12.

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Constitutional Comments

5. Because this report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments

6. There are no financial implications arising from the report.

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All