



**REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR – FINANCE, PROCUREMENT AND
IMPROVEMENT**

CERTIFICATION OF GRANT AND RETURNS 2015/16

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform Members of the External Auditors' audits of the Teachers' Pension Return and the Local Transport Plan Major Projects S31 AUD Return for 2015/16.

Information and Advice

2. Outside of the normal external audit arrangements, KPMG undertook audits of the Teachers' Pension Return 2015/16 and the Local Transport Plan Major Projects S31 AUD return.

Teachers' Pension Return 2015/16

3. The Local Authority is responsible for preparing the End of Year Certificate A (EYOCa) return and ensuring that accounting records are maintained which report the financial position of the Teachers' Pension Scheme.
4. The Teachers' Pension Return 2015/16 had a total value of £28.2 million.
5. The auditors conducted their reasonable assurance engagement and concluded that the Teachers' Pension return for the year ended 31 March 2016 had been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the regulations underpinning the Teachers' Pension Scheme.
6. The audit fee associated with the audit of the Teacher's Pension Return was £3,000.00.

Local Transport Plan Major Projects S31 AUD Return 2015/16

7. The Local Authority is responsible for compiling the S31 AUD return with relation to the Department for Transport grant received to help fund the Hucknall Town Centre Improvement Scheme. The return sets out that the grant has been used in accordance with the grant agreement.
8. The S31 AUD return 2015/16 had a total value of £2.4 million.
9. The auditors conducted their reasonable assurance engagement and concluded that the S31 AUD return for the year ended 31 March 2016 had been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with grant conditions underpinning Local Transport Plan Major Projects.

10. The audit fee associated with the audit of the Local Transport Plan Major Projects Return was £3,000.00.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working 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

- 1) That Members note the Teachers' Pension Return and the Local Transport Plan Major Project Return audits and associated audit fees.

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Constitutional Comments

12. None – the report is for noting only.

Financial Comments (GB 10/02/2017)

13. The audit fee associated with the Teacher's Pension Return was £3,000.00. The audit fee associated with the Local Transport Plan Major Projects Return was £3,000.00. This was in line with the budget provision in place.

Background Papers and Published Documents

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.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All