

meeting	AUDIT COMMITTEE	
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REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR (FINANCE)

CERTIFICATION OF CLAIMS AND RETURNS – AUDIT COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2008/9

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform Members of the Audit Commission's Annual Report 2008/9 on the Certification of Claims and Returns.

Information and Advice

2. The attached report from the Audit Commission summarises the findings from the External Auditor's certification of 2008/9 claims and concludes that all claims and returns were well compiled, although one of the claims was submitted for certification late. The Audit Commission did not detect any significant errors in any of the claims and all were certified by the Auditor deadlines. The report is presented to Members for their information. Andrew Blackburn, the District Auditor and Mike Norman, the Audit Manager of the Audit Commission, will be in attendance at the meeting to introduce the report and respond to Members' questions.

Statutory and Policy Implications

3. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, crime and disorder and those using the service and where such implications are material they have been described in the text of the report.

Financial Implications

4. The audit fee for 2009/10 is estimated to be £278,500.

RECOMMENDATION

5. That Members receive, and comment upon, the Certification of Claims and Returns Annual Report 2008/9.

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SERVICE DIRECTOR (FINANCE)**

Background Papers Available for Inspection

None.