

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:**           **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**DATE:**               **WEDNESDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2012**

**REPORT BY:**       **HEAD OF FINANCE**

**SUBJECT:**           **CERTIFICATION OF GRANT CLAIMS**

**1.00   PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.01   To provide members with an update in relation to 2011/12 grant claims submitted to Wales Audit Office.

**2.00   BACKGROUND**

2.01   The Council's external auditors, the Wales Audit Office (WAO) are required to report annually on the certification of grant claims and returns.

2.02   The annual report for 2010/11 was presented to Audit Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012. At this meeting it was agreed that an update report be brought to Audit Committee at the first available meeting after September.

**3.00   CONSIDERATIONS**

3.01   The submission of grant claims to the grant provider and subsequently Wales Audit Office varies depending on the type of grant and the terms and conditions of the grant. This update advises members of the grants submitted to date for the financial year 2011/12.

3.02   At the meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012 concerns were raised that many of the 2010/11 grant claim submissions were not supported by a grant completion checklist which had been a recommendation made by the WAO the previous year.

3.03   To address these concerns the issue was discussed at the Corporate Finance Management Team where it was agreed that all grant claim submissions were required to be supported by a grant completion checklist and signed off by an Accountant.

3.04   The Head of Finance and Corporate Finance Manager also advised that no grant claim would be authorised unless accompanied by the checklist.

- 3.05 For 2011/12 grant claims to date, Directorate Finance Teams have advised of the following:-

<b>Grant Title</b>	<b>Submission Date</b>
Schools Effectiveness Grant	30.09.12
Transitional SBIG.	30.09.12
Learning Pathway's.	30.09.12
Flying Start	02.10.12
Cymorth	02.10.12
Free Concessionary Travel	05.10.12
Regional Transport Consortia Grant	04.10.12
Transport Grant Outturn Statement	31.08.12
Communities First	27.07.12
Sustainable Waste Management	31.08.12
Substance Misuse	27.09.12
Social Care Workforce Dev Programme	01.09.12
Learning Disability Settlement	28.08.12
HRA Subsidy	06.09.12

- 3.06 It has been confirmed that a grant checklist was completed in all cases in respect of these grants.
- 3.07 The annual grant claim 2011/12 report from Wales Audit Office will be presented to Audit Committee in early summer 2013.

#### **4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.01 Members are requested to note the report.

#### **5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.01 There are none directly arising from the report although compliance with the completion of the checklist will help to minimise audit fees.

#### **6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT**

- 6.01 None

#### **7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

- 7.01 None

#### **8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT**

- 8.01 None

#### **9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.01 None

**10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED**

10.01 None

**11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN**

11.01 None

**12.00 APPENDICES**

12.01 None

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985  
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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