

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

DATE: **MONDAY, 25 JUNE 2012**

REPORT BY: **HEAD OF FINANCE**

SUBJECT: **CERTIFICATION OF GRANT CLAIMS AND RETURNS
2010/11**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.01 The purpose of the report is to inform Members of the grant claim certification for the year ended 31st March 2011.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 The Council's external auditors, the Wales Audit Office (WAO) are required to report annually on the certification of grants claims and returns. Appendix A details the annual report for 2010/11 and WAO will be attending the meeting to present the main findings.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

3.01 The Corporate Finance Management Team has considered the report in detail, and where appropriate, actions have been put in place to improve the quality and timing of future grant claim submissions.

3.02 To facilitate the above, the Authority and WAO have also previously agreed a joint working protocol for the certification of grant claims and returns, and implemented a grant claim completion checklist to ensure that all grant claim submissions are done in a consistent manner.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 Members note the content of the Grant Claim Certification for 2010/11.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 As detailed in the audit report.

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

11.00 None.

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 WAO Report.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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