

**Agenda Item No:**

**Report to:** Audit Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 22 March 2010

**Report Title:** Grant Claim Certification for the Year Ended 31 March 2009

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**Purpose of Report**

To receive a report from the External Auditors on their work associated with the certification of grant claims submitted by Hastings Borough Council.

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**Recommendation(s)**

- 1. That the contents of the External Auditors' Report is noted.**

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**Reasons for Recommendations**

In September 2009 the Audit Commission published a document "Review of arrangements for Certifying Claims and returns". This made a number of recommendations for the future, including one that requires the External Auditors to present an annual report to those charged with governance on the results of their certification work.

This report is part of the independent External Audit process. The Audit Committee role includes receipt and consideration of all reports produced by the External Auditors which are directed at Hastings Borough Council.

An action plan is attached at the end of the report.

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## Introduction

1. The full report is attached as appendix A to this document.

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## Wards Affected

None

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## Area(s) Affected

None

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## Policy Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	No
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	No
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	Yes

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## Background Information

None

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