

Agenda Item No:

Report to: Audit Committee

Date of Meeting: 21 March 2011

Report Title: **Department for Works and Pensions - Grants Management Team Assurance Visit**

Report By: Tom Davies
Chief Auditor

Purpose of Report

To inform the Audit Committee of the result of the DWP assurance visit on 'Future Jobs Fund'.

Recommendation(s)

- 1. To accept the report.**

Reasons for Recommendations

Per minute 19 of the Audit Committee held on 19 January 2011 it was RESOLVED— (unanimously) that the Audit Committee accept the report as read and the Committee look forward to an update once the DWP have concluded their inspection visit.

Introduction

The DWP Grants Management Team carried out an assurance visit in February 2011. It concluded:

"In our opinion this LAB has sufficient systems in place. We are content that the assurance visit objectives and rationale, outlined in the introduction to this report, have been tested and met.

Hastings Borough Council is to ensure that new third party employers agree and sign the SLA documents as soon as possible.

Hastings Borough Council is to ensure that FJF employees sign and agree to the Annex K consent forms."

The full report is attached at Appendix A.

Wards Affected

None

Area(s) Affected

None

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	No
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	Yes

Background Information

-

Officer to Contact

Tom Davies
tdavies@hastings.gov.uk
Telephone: 01424 451524

