
Meeting: Audit Committee
Date: 12 April 2010
Subject: Annual Claims and Returns Report 2008/09
Report of: Audit Commission
Summary: To note the annual claims and returns.

Contact Officer: Cathy O'Carroll, Audit Commission
Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: Audit Committee

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The activities of External Audit are crucial to the governance arrangements of the organisation and as such are supporting all of the priorities of the Council.

Financial:

The fees relating to the legacy authorities as set out in the report will be taken into account when creating the balance sheet for Central Bedfordshire. Future fees are contained within the budget provision for 2010/11.

Legal:

Audit Commission Act 1998

Risk Management:

There is a risk that additional work will need to be undertaken by the Audit Commission in 2010/11 which would lead to additional fees. This would have to be agreed in advance by the Director of Customer and Shared Services.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

None directly from this report.

Equalities/Human Rights:

None directly from this report.

Community Safety:

None directly from this report

Sustainability:

None directly from this report

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Audit Committee note the report.

Background

1. The information contained within external audit reports should be used by those charged with governance, to help confirm the governance and internal control arrangements in place at the council.
2. A member of our External Auditor team will present their report attached at Appendix A, highlighting the recommendations arising from the certification of grant claims and returns.
3. Committee members will have the opportunity to raise questions or discuss any aspects relating to the report.

Appendices:

Appendix A Certification of claims and returns – annual report 2008/09

Background Papers:

None

Location of papers: Priory House, Chicksands, Bedfordshire