

**Open Report on behalf of Pete Moore, Executive Director Resources and  
Community Safety**

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| Report to: | <b>Audit Committee</b>                                     |
| Date:      | <b>30 January 2012</b>                                     |
| Subject:   | <b>Certification of claims and returns – annual report</b> |

**Summary:**

Funding from government grant-paying departments is an important income stream for the Council. Although the number of claims subject to audit has reduced in recent years, the Council needs to manage claiming this income carefully and meet the conditions which attach to these grants. This report summarises the findings from certification of 2010/11 claims.

**Recommendation(s):**

The committee considers the report and comments as required.

**Background**

- Section 28 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 requires the external auditor to certify some claims and returns for grants or subsidies paid by government departments and public bodies to Lincolnshire County Council. A fee is charged to cover the full cost of certifying claims. The fee depends on the amount of work required to certify each claim or return.
- The Council is responsible for compiling grant claims and returns in accordance with the requirements and timescale set by the grant paying departments
- Details are included in Appendix A.

**Conclusion**

Grant income is significant to the Council and it is important that this process is properly managed.

**Consultation**

**a) Policy Proofing Actions Required**

n/a

## **Appendices**

**Appendix A** – Certification of claims and returns – annual report

### **Background Papers**

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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