


## REPORT TO AUDIT AND RISK ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

18 January 2018

<b>Subject:</b>	Certification of Claims and Returns 2016-17.
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### DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

**That Audit and Risk Assurance Committee:**

1. That the Committee considers and comments upon the attached report.

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## **1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The attached letter is KPMG's annual report for the certification work they have undertaken for the Council in 2016/17.

## **2 IMPLICATIONS FOR SANDWELL'S VISION**

- 2.2 The Certification of Grants and Returns 2016-17 is a routine part of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee's processes. The delivery of a robust audit and risk management function supports the Council in delivering its vision for Sandwell.

## **3 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 Please see attached letter.

## **4 THE CURRENT POSITION**

- 4.1 Please see attached letter

## **5 CONSULTATION (CUSTOMERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS)**

- 5.1 Please see attached letter.

## **6 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 6.1 This report does not require a decision and therefore, alternative options do not need to be considered.

## **7 STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 Please see attached letter

## **8 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS**

- 8.1 The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 sets out the framework for audit of local authorities.

## **9 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 9.1 As a decision is not being sought in this report, it is not necessary to undertake an Equality Impact Assessment.

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## **10 DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

10.1 As a decision is not being sought in this report, it is not necessary to undertake a Data Protection Impact Assessment.

## **11 CRIME AND DISORDER AND RISK ASSESSMENT**

11.1 There are no crime and disorder risks arising from this report.

## **12 SUSTAINABILITY OF PROPOSALS**

12.1 There are no direct sustainability issues arising from this report.

## **13 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS**

13.1 There are no direct health and wellbeing implications from this report.

## **14 IMPACT ON ANY COUNCIL MANAGED PROPERTY OR LAND**

14.1 There is no direct impact on any council managed property or land from this report.

## **15 CONCLUSIONS AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

15.1 The report is presented to the Committee for consideration and comment only.

## **16 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

16.1 None.

## **17 APPENDICES:**

See attached letter.

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