

Item No. 15.	Classification: Open	Date: 27 February 2017	Meeting Name: Audit, governance and standards committee
Report title:		Grant Thornton certification letter – year ended 31 March 2016	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the audit, governance and standards committee note Grant Thornton's certification letter attached at Appendix A.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Grant Thornton are required to certify certain claims and returns submitted by Southwark Council ('the Council'). This certification typically takes place six to nine months after the claim period and represents a final but important part of the process to confirm the council's entitlement to funding.
3. Grant Thornton have certified one claim for the financial year 2015-16 relating to expenditure of £221 million.
4. Grant Thornton confirm there were no significant issues arising from their certification work which they wish to highlight. They are satisfied that the council has appropriate arrangements to compile complete, accurate and timely claims/returns for audit certification.

Policy implications

5. This report is not considered to have direct policy implications.

Community impact statement

6. This report is not considered to have direct impact on local people and communities.

Resource implications

7. This report is not considered to have direct impact on resource implications.

Consultation

8. Consultation has not been undertaken.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

9. None required.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
None.		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix A	Grant Thornton Certification Letter – year ended 31 March 2016

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Jennifer Seeley, Director of Finance		
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Dated	10 February 2017		
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER			
Officer Title	Comments sought	Comments included	
Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	No	No	
Director of Law and Democracy	No	No	
Cabinet Member	No	No	
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team			