

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 17 FEBRUARY 2017 REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES ANNUAL REPORT ON GRANTS AND RETURNS 2015/16

Purpose

1. To present the Annual Report on Grants and Returns 2015/16 for approval.

Background

2. A copy of the Annual Report on Grants and Returns 2015/16 is included in the Appendix attached to this report. John Cornett from the County Councils external auditors, KPMG, will attend the meeting in order to present the report and answer any questions.

Summary

- 3. Two issues were identified by the external auditor during their work. These are explained below.
- 4. Local Transport Plan Major Project Return Loughborough Town Centre Transport Scheme. There was a lack of clear guidance from the Department for Transport which resulted in some non-eligible expenditure being included in the overall expenditure figures shown on the grant claim. The adjustment did not affect the final amount claimed as the overall amount demonstrated meant that the maximum amount of grant was able to be claimed. Other minor issues included an error when a figure was amended not being carried in the overall total and rounding differences due to the grant form requiring rounding to the nearest pound.
- 5. Teachers' Pension Authority Return. An adjustment was made for the underpayment of pension contribution totalling less than £600. This related to 'One-to-One' salaries for teachers who teach pupils on a 'One-to-One' basis. There was a delay in receiving guidance from the Teacher's pension agency that teachers on full-time contracts doing 'one-to-one' work should have paid contributions on all their pay. The correction has been made and payroll system updated.

Recommendation

6. The Committee is requested formally to approve the Annual Report on Grants and Returns 2015/16.

Equality and Human Rights Implications

7. None.

<u>Circulation Under the Local Issues Alert Procedure</u>

8. None.

Background Papers

9. None.

Appendices

Annual Report on Grants and Returns 2015/16

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