

**REPORT TO THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2012**

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**Status:** Information  
**Title:** ANNUAL REPORT – CLAIMS AND RETURNS  
**Originator:** Y. Geen, Audit Manager, Audit Commission  
**Where from:** Audit Commission  
**Where to next:** N/A

Objective: to discuss and note the Certification of claims and returns – annual report from the Audit Commission.

1. Outcome sought from Panel
  - 1.1 That the attached Audit Commission Report is noted.
2. Background
  - 2.1 The Audit Commission provide an annual report on the Certification of claims and returns. This report is attached as Appendix A.
  - 2.2 The report will be presented by Y. Geen of the Audit Commission.
3. Points for discussion
  - 3.1 The Audit Commission has to audit certain claims and returns that the Authority submits to Central Government departments. The current arrangements are laid out in Appendix A paragraph 10.
4. Equality Impact Assessment Implications/Outcomes (attach completed EIA)
  - 4.1 Not Applicable.
5. Impact on Communities
  - 5.1 There is no impact on communities arising from this report.
6. Legal Issues
  - 6.1 There are no legal issues arising from this report.

7 Resource Issues

There are no resource implications arising from this report.

8 Community Safety Implications

8.1 There are no community safety implications arising from this report.

9 Carbon Management Implications

9.1 There are no Carbon Management issues arising out of this report.

10 Consultation

10.1 Not applicable

11 Background Papers

11.1 None

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**Previous report(s): None**

**Information Issued Under Sensitive Issue Procedure: *N***

**Appendices:**

**A. Certification of Claims and Returns – annual report.**