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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>CERTIFICATION OF CLAIMS AND RETURNS REPORT 2016/17</b>	<b>REF:</b>
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE: AS 01</b>

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## **1.0 Recommendations**

1.1 That the Claims and Returns Report for 2016/17 is considered and the recommendations, together with management actions as detailed in Section 5 of the Auditor's Report, are noted.

## **2.0 Purpose of Report**

2.1 For Ernst and Young LLP, as the Council's appointed auditors, to present their outcomes from their annual review of claims and returns which are subject to external certification by qualified auditors.

## **3.0 Detail**

3.1 The Auditor's report summarises the findings from their certification of the Housing Benefits Subsidy Claim for the DWP, together with the Pooling of Housing Capital Receipts for the MHCLG.

## **4.0 Financial Implications**

4.1 The fee for undertaking the work is contained within the Council's Budget for external audit work.

## **5.0 Corporate Implications**

5.1 None directly.

## **6.0 Community Implications**

6.1 None directly.

## **7.0 Background Papers**

None