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Certification work for Pendle Borough Council for year ended 31 March 2015

We are required to certify certain claims and returns submitted by Pendle Borough 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.

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 gave the Secretary of State power to transfer Audit Commission responsibilities to other bodies. Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) have taken on the transitional responsibilities for HB COUNT issued by the Audit Commission in February 2015.

We have certified one claim and return for the financial year 2014/15 relating to expenditure of £26.3 million. Further details of the claim certified are set out in Appendix A.

There are no issues arising from our certification work which we wish to highlight for your attention. We are satisfied that the Council has appropriate arrangements to compile complete, accurate and timely claims/returns for audit certification.

The indicative fee for 2014/15 for the Council is based on the final 2012/13 certification fees, reflecting the amount of work required by the auditor to certify the claims and returns in that year. Fees for schemes no longer requiring certification under the Audit Commission regime (such as the national non-domestic rates return, teachers pensions return and pooling housing capital receipts return) have been removed. The indicative scale fee set by the Audit Commission for the Council for 2014/15 is £13,840.

Yours sincerely

For Grant Thornton UK LLP

Appendix A - Details of claims and returns certified for 2014/15

Claim or return	Value	Amended?	Amendment (£)	Qualified?	Comments
Housing benefits subsidy claim	26,368,730	No	0	Yes	<p>We reported to DWP that a system issue meant that an amount of £15.85 was incorrectly included as an uncashed cheque in the system. This was a result of the netting off of two other cell entries in the system.</p> <p>There was no impact on the subsidy claimed by the Council from this system issue.</p>

Appendix B: Fees for 2014/15 certification work

Claim or return	2013/14 fee (£)	2014/15 indicative fee (£)	2014/15 actual fee (£)	Variance (£)	Explanation for variance
Housing benefits subsidy claim (BEN01)	10,648	13,840	13,840	3,192	The indicative fee for 2014/15 for the Council is based on the final 2012/13 certification fees and has varied in line with that original fee.
Total	10,648	13,840	13,840	3,192	