AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE Agenda Item 63

Brighton & Hove City Council

| Subject: | Ernst & Young – Annual Certification Report |
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| Date of Meeting: | 21 January 2014 |
| Report of: | Ernst & Young |
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| Ward(s) affected: | All |

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 Councils continue to claim large sums of public money in grants and subsidies from government departments and other grant-paying bodies and in some areas must complete returns providing financial information to government departments. Our certification work as the Council's appointed auditor provides assurance to government departments and grant-paying bodies that claims for grants and subsidies are made properly or that information in financial returns is reliable. This report summarises the outcomes of our certification work on your 2012/13 claims and returns

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

2.1 To note the 2012/13 annual certification report and ask questions as necessary.