

Value for Money Statement

Organisation name: Perry Hall Multi-academy Trust

Company number: 8566185

Year ended 31 August 2014

I accept that as accounting officer of Perry Hall Multi-academy Trust I am responsible and accountable for ensuring that the academy trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. I am aware of the guide to academy value for money statements published by the Education Funding Agency and understand that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

I set out below how I have ensured that the academy trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during the academic year.

Improving Educational Results

Perry Hall Multi Academy Trust (which officially opened on July 1st 2013 having been formerly known as Perry Hall Primary School) now includes a sponsor led additional school (Berrybrook Primary). Pupil numbers have remained constant since each conversion and the academy remains a popular choice for parents.

Focus on Individual Pupils

Improving educational outcomes is the main priority for the trust and we regularly track and monitor pupil progress to ensure that all pupils are meeting their educational expectations. Where pupils are not making expected progress a specific intervention strategy involving the use of our support staff and other targeted resources are put in place to help the pupils to continue to make progress.

Pupil Premium

All pupils who attract pupil premium funding at Perry Hall Multi-Academy Trust are tracked and monitored in order to ensure resources are effectively targeted to ensure that they make or exceed expected academic progress. The trust board has used the pupil premium funding in each individual school to ensure there are enough support staff to provide the required intervention strategies for the targeted children. The funding has paid for the employment and training of additional support staff in delivery of these intervention strategies. A new numeracy scheme has also been implemented in order to improve the numeracy skills of pupil premium pupils.

Financial Governance and Oversight

Perry Hall Multi-Academy Trust appointed Dains LLP as the trusts external auditors and we have just completed a successful initial statutory audit.

Prior to the audit a review of internal financial procedures and processes had been undertaken in conjunction with an external internal audit services provider. This has also led to the preparation / update and consequent authorisation of various financial policies (e.g. most recently staff expenses).

There are half termly meetings of each local governing body Resources Committee in which the budget monitoring reports are scrutinised. These reviews include reports which indicate the academies financial performance which is now looked at via monthly management accounts.

A scheme of financial delegation has been produced and agreed by the trust board and the local governing bodies which ensures that sound financial management is implemented across the trust board.

Robust Purchasing

All contracts are appraised or re-negotiated in a timely manner to get the very best mix of quality and effectiveness. We continue to review service level agreements to ensure that we are obtaining the best value for money from the services purchased and where this is not the case alternative providers have been sought.

Options appraisal

The directors and staff throughout the trust apply the principles of best value when making decisions about

- Allocation of resources
- Targeting of resources
- Use of resources to best support the educational needs of the pupils

The trust has developed procedures for assessing need and obtaining goods and services which provide best value. These include

- Competitive tendering
- Accepting “best value” quotes which may not be the cheapest
- Procedures that minimise and make efficient use of office time

Reviewing of Control and Managing Risks

The trust has adequate insurance provision in place , which was procured using a DfE approved consortium. Our financial procedures manual which has been duly authorised will ensure sound financial procedures, consequently helping to reduce risk. These procedures will be reviewed and updated regularly and will be approved by the appropriate Board / Committee.

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Date: 11 Dec 2014