

SCHOOL SUMMARY REPORT 2020-21

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (and Section 151 Officer)

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The aim of this report (Appendix 5) is to communicate to all stakeholders the key and recurring issues, risks and subsequent recommendations made from the 16 internal audits of schools undertaken in 2020/21.
- 1.2 A further objective is that the report will help facilitate discussion between schools and cluster groups and to encourage best and consistent practices around the management of control and risk within the school environment.
- 1.3 The findings of the report have been discussed at Schools Forum in June 2021. In addition, the report will be uploaded onto Office Online available to all schools.
- 1.4 All schools are subject to a regular independent internal audit. The frequency is determined by consideration of a range of risk-based factors including budget size, governance and management changes, new systems and processes, staff turnover, date of last audit, findings of last audit and current Ofsted rating.
- 1.5 Consultation on schools highlighted in the Annual Internal Audit Plan are discussed with finance colleagues prior to formal inclusion.
- 1.6 The above report is supplemented by a range of thematic reviews covering the key risks to schools, for example, payroll, procurement, risk management, data security and protection, honoraria payments and IR35 compliance.

2. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Audit Committee is asked to note the contents of the summary report

BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are none.

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