

Value for Money Statement

Biddulph High School

Academy Company Number 7680339

Year ended 31 August 2013.

I accept that as Accounting Officer of Biddulph High School I am responsible and accountable for ensuring that the Academy delivers good value in the use of public resources. I am aware of the guide to academy value for money which refers to the educational and wider social outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayers resources received.

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

The Academy is committed to:-

1. Raising student attainment.

This is demonstrated by the results for 2012/2013:

At KS4 (which includes GCSE and BTEC qualifications) 56.0% of students gained 5 A*-C grades including English and Mathematics, with 94.6% of students gaining 5 A*-C grades. 100% of students gained at least 1 A*-G grade.

At KS5 A*-E grades were 99.3%, A*-B grades 37.1% and the average points score per entry was 210. Full details available on the Academy website: www.biddulph.staffs.sch.uk

The Academy has developed and has fully embedded tracking systems for individual students and provides a range of targeted interventions that track levels of progress from Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3 through to Key Stage 4 and Post 16. As a result the Academy has focused its efforts at ensuring high levels of progress for all students, with particular emphasis placed upon the subjects of Mathematics and English.

Performance in Mathematics; attainment in Mathematics is around the national average.

Performance in English; expected progress in English is good and is above the national average.

Performance of Pupil Premium Students; this is better than the national average in all aspects.

2. Robust governance and oversight of Academy finances

The Academy benefits from the provision of a Governor as the Responsible Officer (RO). The RO, on behalf of the Governing Body, employs a firm of accountants to review key financial policies, systems and procedures, including the use of tenders. The RO presents reports on compliance to the Governing Body.

The Academy receives support throughout the year from its External Auditors on compliance and accounting practices.

The Finance Committee receive half termly monitoring reports and report on compliance with the Scheme of Delegation. The Trustees approve the budget each year and is mindful of the need to balance expenditure against income to ensure that the Academy remains a 'going concern'. The

Trustees also receive and approve the Annual Accounts and the External Auditors Management Report.

3. Ensuring the operation of the Academy demonstrates good value for money and efficient and effective use of resources

The Academy regularly monitors its financial performance against other academies to demonstrate that the Academy provides good value for money.

Tender exercises are regularly undertaken to ensure that high value contracts are assessed against the marketplace on a regular basis to ensure that long term contracts (3 to 5 years) remain competitive.

For purchases above £10,000, but below the tender limit, 3 quotes are required.

4. Maximising income generation

The Academy explores every opportunity to generate income through hire of Academy facilities. Income is also generated from large and small grant applications, including ACMF bids which help to support the wider curriculum; such as the refurbishment of the Lecture Theatre.

5. Reviewing controls and managing risks

I, together with the Finance Manager review expenditure within each budget heading annually and make adjustments based on the effectiveness of strategies introduced in previous years, curriculum offer and any new strategies identified in the Academy Development Plan.


The Academy has begun to work with other schools within the town to ensure that procurement costs are kept to a minimum.

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