

## Value for Money Statement

Academy trust name: Alperton Community School

Academy trust Company Number: 816 3458

Year ended: 31 August 2013

I accept that as accounting officer of Alperton Community School, 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.

### **Purchasing**

The Director of Finance and Resources & the Senior Leadership team have developed procedures for assessing need, and obtaining goods and services which provide "best value" in terms of suitability, efficiency, time, and cost. Measures already in place include:

#### *Competitive tendering procedures*

Procedures for accepting "best value" quotes, which are not necessarily the cheapest (e.g. suitability for purpose and quality of workmanship)

Procedures which minimise admin time by the purchase of goods or services direct from known, reliable suppliers (e.g. stationery, small equipment) for items under agreed thresholds.

The School applies the four principles of best value:

Challenge – Is the school's performance high enough? Why and how is a service provided? Do we still need it? Can it be delivered differently? What do parents and pupils want?

Compare – How does the school's pupil performance and financial performance compare with all schools? How does it compare with LA schools? How does it compare with similar schools?

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Consult – How does the school seek the views of stakeholders about the services the school provides?

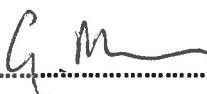
Compete – How does the school secure efficient and effective services? Are services of appropriate quality, economic?

### **The Academy Trust, Governors' and Headteachers Approach**

The Governors and school managers will apply the principles of best value by ensuring:-

- Resources are allocated to best promote the aims and values of the school
- Resources are targeted to best improve standards and the quality of provision.
- Use resources that best support the various educational needs of all pupils.

The school provides value for money because it is judged to be an 'Outstanding School'. We have a rising roll 11-16 and rapidly expanding Sixth Form.

Signed: .....  .....

Date: ..... 17<sup>th</sup> December 2013 .....

Name: Mr G McKenna  
Headteacher

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