

# FINAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT EDUCATION, CARE AND HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## PRE-ACADEMY AUDIT OF ALEXANDRA INFANTS SCHOOL 2013-14

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#### INTRODUCTION

- This report sets out the results of our closure audit of Alexandra Infants School carried out in quarter 4 of 2013/14. The school transferred to academy status on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013.
- 2. The purpose of this visit is to identify any issues which need to be resolved prior to closure of the accounts.
- 3. The controls we expect to see in place are designed to minimise the school's exposure to a range of risks. Weaknesses in controls that have been highlighted will increase the associated risks and should therefore be corrected to assist overall effective operations.
- 4. The original scope of the audit was outlined in the Terms of Reference issued on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013. The period covered by this report is from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

#### **AUDIT SCOPE**

5. The scope of the audit is detailed in the Terms of Reference.

## **MANAGEMENT SUMMARY**

- 6. We have reviewed primary accounting information including: expenditure, leases and contracts, payroll records, VAT returns and bank accounts. We also considered progress towards signing up to a Commercial Transfer Agreement.
- 7. There were no major findings however we would like to bring the following to management's attention:
  - (1) The school is currently in the process of finalising an up-to-date Contracts List and this document will be a key document to ensure that going forward, the school is in a position to appreciate ongoing contractual commitments and to review contracts for value for money on a regular basis.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

8. We would like to thank all staff contacted during this review for their help and co-operation.

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