

Accounting Officer Statement

My responsibility as the Accounting Officer is essential to the smooth running of the academy and in ensuring probity and financial control. During the period in question I have been informed of the findings of the Internal Review Audit and the work of the External Auditor. Both of these functions have been performed by different departments of Wilkins Kennedy and any recommendations made by them have been implemented.

I have monitored the academy's financial position and met regularly with my Finance Officer. The Academies Resources Committee meets quarterly.

Securing value for money (economy, efficiency and effectiveness) is crucial and ensuring that public money is safeguarded and only spent on the purpose for which it was intended. It takes into consideration both the educational and wider societal outcomes for our pupils with the resources available. Accounting records and annual financial statements are accurate and up to date and are monitored so that spending is in line with the School's Development Plan. The academy complies with the requirements of the EFA's Academies Financial Handbook, its funding agreement and all relevant aspects of company and charitable law.

As Accounting Officer for the Academy Trust, my role, together with the other governing body members, is to determine the strategic direction of the academy trust and to bring the aspirations of the Academy Trust to fruition. The School Improvement Plan is looked at to ensure financial planning for the vision for the Academy is realistic and capable of being delivered.

The Academy promotes a culture of acting in a transparent manner for the public interest whereby the values and ethos of the Academy are shared amongst all members of the school community. All appropriate policies are in place so that decisions are taken objectively and steps are taken to avoid conflicts of interest whether real or perceived.

A M Strachan
Accounting Officer

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