

Value for Money Statement

Academy trust name: Northern House School Academy Trust

Academy trust company number: 08140768

Year ended 31 August 2013

I accept that as accounting officer of **Northern House School Academy Trust** 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.

1. We ensure that resources and materials are directed where they are most needed and are aligned with our School Development Plan. This helps to drive achievement and engagement throughout the school.
2. Our Finance and Estates Committee have regular monitoring meetings in which they receive and review financial reports and evaluate actual spends against the budget.
3. We send budget holders regular budget reports and liaise closely to ensure that spending is within budget.
4. We ensure that appropriate quotes are sought and follow a formal tender procedure as set out in our Financial Procedures Policy where required.
5. We are particularly careful in the recruitment and deployment of staff, by far the single most expensive budget item. We do not recruit the least expensive candidates, but always the candidates best able to rise to the many challenges of working in our special school environment.

7 Where possible, we work collaboratively with local schools to reduce costs by organising joint training and joint use of the Educational Psychology Service.

Signed: IAN BARKER

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Academy Trust Accounting Officer

Date: 22/11/2013