



Audit Committee

22 September 2017

Joint Audit and Education Working Group

Purpose of Report: Progress report – Financial Viability of Schools

A joint working group comprising Members of the Audit Committee and Education Working Group of Scrutiny Committee B, was established to consider the Financial Viability of Schools in light of a WAO report, Education Finance Review, which was considered by Audit Committee at its last meeting in July 2017.

A scope was agreed and a number of interviews have taken place over the summer including the Strategic Director Resources, Head of Financial Services, Director of Education, Interim Head of Schools, ALN Manager, WAO, and the Chair and Vice of the Schools Forum. The Group also had discussions with the Head Teacher and Chair of Governors of a school and meetings with other Head Teachers and Chairs of Governors are to be arranged early in the autumn term.

The Group agreed to concentrate on the secondary sector in the first instance but the review may expand as it develops. It is planned that an interim report will be prepared during September for consideration by Cabinet.

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