

Value for Money Statement

Academy trust name: Sir Harry Smith Community College

Academy trust company number: 08006711

Year ended 31 August 2013

I accept that as accounting officer of Sir Harry Smith Community College, 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.

- Full review of the teaching staff structure and curriculum, which led to an increase in teacher contact ratio, a reduction in numbers of classes and an increase in class sizes. This has also led to teacher redundancies from 31 August 2013.
- Curriculum and staffing planned for 2014-15 and 2015-16
- Full review of the Support Staff Structure, which has led to a reorganisation of roles and redundancies for 10 staff.
- Good outcomes, in terms of exam results, both at GCSE and Post 16.
- Improved Behaviour and Safety.
- Improved attendance.
- Over subscribed for year 7 in September 2013.
- BSF programme successfully completed on time and in budget, scrutinised by Governors and LA.
- BSF build will improve external income streams.
- BSF build will decrease heating costs.
- All new contracts scrutinised and present ones renegotiated if appropriate.
- Reduction in capitation to reduce costs.
- Benchmarking with other similar institutions has taken place.

Signed: 

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Academy Trust Accounting Officer

Date: 17/12/13