

Report To: Corporate Governance Committee

Date of Meeting: 2 July 2014

Lead Member / Officer: Julian Thompson-Hill, Leader Member for Finance & Assets

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Title: Internal Audit Follow-up – Blessed Edward Jones School

1. What is the report about?

This report provides the Committee with details of Internal Audit's follow up work at Blessed Edward Jones School following its initial report in October 2013.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

Corporate Governance Committee requested that Internal Audit's follow up report for Blessed Edward Jones School be presented to the Committee to provide assurance that improvements have been made at the School.

3. What are the Recommendations?

Committee considers and comments on the Internal Audit follow-up report.

4. Report details

Internal Audit issued a report on Blessed Edward Jones School in October 2013 that, despite giving a 'medium' assurance rating, included an action plan with 13 areas for improvement. Corporate Governance Committee was particularly concerned that the School should address its financial pressures and requested that Internal Audit's follow up report be presented to the Committee.

Internal Audit's follow up report (attached) shows that the School has made significant improvements since the original audit report. Many of the issues raised have now been addressed, although some deadlines were missed. However, the School has yet to fully develop its financial recovery plan. It has produced three-year projections and worked to reduce the forecast deficit but will still have a deficit in March 2015. The Council has robust procedures in place to manage such situations and the School has requested permission to have a licensed deficit and will then develop a financial recovery plan

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

There is no decision required for this report.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

There are no costs attached to this report.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) undertaken on the decision? The completed EqIA template should be attached as an appendix to the report.

This report does not require a decision or proposal for change, so there is no impact on people who share protected characteristics.

8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?

Not applicable – information report only

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

Not applicable – information report only

10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

Not applicable – information report only

11. Power to make the Decision

Not applicable – information report only