

**Report To:** Corporate Governance Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 3 September 2014

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

**Report Author:** Ivan Butler, Head of Internal Audit

**Title:** Internal Audit Follow-up – Blessed Edward Jones RC High School - Update

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**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 and first follow up report in June 2014.

**2. What is the reason for making this report?**

Corporate Governance Committee requested that our 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.**

We 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 we follow up report be presented to the Committee.

Our follow up report to this Committee in July 2014 showed good progress overall with the action plan but the Committee expressed its concerns over the lack of a financial recovery plan at that stage, requesting a further follow up report to its September meeting.

The attached follow up action plan in Appendix 1 shows that the School has made further progress in delivering improvements and has agreed its financial recovery plan. However, there is still much discussion on how the School will meet its budget in 2016/17, so the School has been asked to send representatives to the Committee's meeting to provide further information and answer Members' questions.

**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