

REPORT TO: <b>Audit Committee</b>	DATE <b>26 September 2013</b>	CLASSIFICATION: <b>Unrestricted</b>	REPORT NO.
REPORT OF:  <b>Chris Holme—Acting Corporate Director of Resources</b>  <i>ORIGINATING OFFICER(S):</i> <b>Head of Risk Management and Audit</b>		TITLE:  <b>Annual Internal Audit Report for Schools for 2012/13</b>  <i>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</i>  N/A	

## 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report (attached) summarises the work of Internal Audit in relation to the audit of schools for the financial year 2012/13
- 1.2. The purpose of the report is to provide an overview of audit findings and facilitate a thematic assessment of the matters raised by Audit. It is envisaged that this assessment will be used by the Local Authority to enhance the governance framework around schools.
- 1.3. During the financial year, audit visits were carried out at 29 schools. Each audit visit involved compliance testing of system and procedures in 12 areas of control in accordance with a pre-agreed audit test programme.

## 2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1. The Audit Committee is asked to note the contents of this report and to take account of the matters raised by Audit in each of the 12 areas examined.

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**Local Government Act, 1972 SECTION 100D (AS AMENDED)**  
**List of "Background Papers" used in the preparation of this report**

Brief description of "background papers"

N/A

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### **3. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

- 3.1 Any financial implications arising from this report are contained within the body of the report.

### **4. CONCURRENT REPORT TO THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL SERVICES)**

- 4.1. The Council is required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 to maintain an adequate and effective system of internal audit of its accounting records and of its system of internal control. Under the Council's Constitution, the Audit Committee is given the function of reviewing internal audit findings.

### **5. ONE TOWER HAMLETS**

- 5.1 The issues raised in the Annual Report have been reported to the Corporate Director, Education, Social Care and Wellbeing who has put necessary arrangements in place to ensure that the standard of financial management and control is improved and monitored across all the schools.

### **6. ANTI-POVERTY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no specific Anti-Poverty issues arising from this report.

### **7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1. The risks involved in each of the control area reviewed by audit are incorporated within the body of the Annual Report.

### **8. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT (SAGE)**

- 8.1 There are no specific SAGE implications.