

Value for Money Statement

Academy trust name: The Active Learning Trust Ltd

Academy trust company number: 7903002

Year ended 31 August 2014

I accept that as accounting officer of **The Active Learning Trust Ltd** 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.

The key elements to the work to secure value for money in the Trust are:

To carry forward procurement at school and trust level which balances the cost and quality of services provided to ensure value for money. This has included a major exercise to review catering services in Lowestoft which is the first cross school procurement carried out in the Trust

Ensured salary levels for the small central team are at or below the median for staff working in similar sized organisations. This included an external review of our salary levels which showed in all areas salary levels are below the levels of similar sized organisations.

Continued to balance the need for central support with external provision so that our costs are, and remain, low compared to other multi academy trusts. This has meant we have not, for example, purchased or leased any premises (being able to administer the Trust from a small school office with the team being primarily based in schools or working from home).

Worked with our schools to ensure that information on good value suppliers are made known across the Trust to aid decision making

Signed: 

Name: Clive Bush Academy Trust Accounting Officer

Date: 11/12/14