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**The Children and Young People's Service**

**Report to Haringey Schools Forum: 14th July 2022**

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**Report Title: Annual Report on Schools**

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**Purpose: To share the outcome of the 2021/22 Schools Audit Work**

**Recommendations:**

1. To note and discuss the content of the report.

## Report

1.1 I reported as part of my annual report and Head of Internal Audit Opinion for the Council in 2019/20 that the control environment in Haringey's schools required improvement. I am pleased to acknowledge since then where we have noted an improvement, year on year, in the assurances provided to schools. No schools in 2021/22 were assigned a "nil" assurance. A programme of follow up for all 2020/21 audits was also completed in 2021/22 by Mazars and outcomes were positive. Some additional follow up work was completed by the in-house team at year end to ensure that all schools, with the exception of one which was audited late in the year, had moved into the Adequate Assurance rating level. We continue to work closely with other back-office teams supporting schools, the HEP and in conjunction Children's Services to assist schools to efficiently mitigate the potential risks. Appendix A provides a summary relating to the schools audit plan, information has also been provided to Senior Management and Members as part of the Council Annual Audit Report. A summary of outcomes for 2021/22 is as follows:

- 13 out of 16 schools completed received "adequate" or above assurance rating;
- 5 schools received the top rating of Substantial Assurance, the highest number in recent years.
- No schools received a nil rating;
- All schools showed improvements or maintained performance, except for one;
- Two schools that received Limited Assurance in year, including the one school whose assurance has deteriorated, were followed up at year end and had moved into the Adequate Assurance rating. One school audit was late in the year and will be followed up promptly when their recommendations fall due as part of the 2022/23 audit plan.

Full details of the work completed in 2020/21 is included at appendix A.

Work to plan and deliver the 2022/23 audit programme commenced in April. All schools have agreed a provisional date for the audit to take place. Communications and briefings will, as usual, go out to the schools to help them prepare. Training for Governors is also offered on Audit and Risk.

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