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Academy Budget and Finance Update

- Finance – maintained v academy
- Academy budget setting – some key issues
- Finance issues – SAT joining a MAT
- Finance issues – MAT taking on a new school
- Academy accounting and audit update
- Accounts Direction 2018

- Directly funded
- Responsible for own budgeting and reporting
- Governors consider finance > three times a year
- Accruals basis – revenue and expenditure
- Capital vs revenue
- Land and buildings arrangements
- Choose who to work with

- VAT
- Audited accounts published
- Electronic accounts return to ESFA
- Budget returns May and July
- Increased scrutiny and transparency

- One/three/five year plan?
- Ensure accurate pupil census data
- Free school meals and pupil premium - data
- Include all expected income and expenditure
- Get staff costs right – include correct salaries, expected increases, national insurance and pension
- Consider educational and non-educational costs
- Department budgets?
- Consider capital spending

- Align staffing requirements with the curriculum and school development plan
- Think about “natural wastage” before making tough staffing decisions
- Take appropriate HR advice if needed
- Review contracts, commitments and SLAs
- Ensure value for money
- Review potential waste, e.g. old software licenses

- Due diligence on the MAT
- Assets, liabilities, contracts, staff – transfer over to the MAT
- GAG funding – pooling?
- Contributions to the MAT central budget
- What support and resources for your contribution?
- Governance and control – scheme of delegation

- Budgets may be set locally but approved at MAT level
- Financial monitoring
- New controls and processes
- Year end process – audit and accounts

- Due diligence
- Understand income streams and staffing/costs
- Consider contribution to MAT central function
- Financial monitoring and budgeting
- Communication of processes and controls

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- Accounts Direction now issued
- Very few changes from 2017
- Clarity re: accounts for closing trusts
- Trustee report – trade union facility time and fundraising
- Update on splitting fundraising expenditure
- Expansion of notes to comply with SORP
- Guidance on capital grants in faith schools

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- Treatment of apprenticeship levy and funded training
- Changes to fixed asset note - AUC
- Enhanced related party transactions note
- Teaching School activities
- Regularity updates
- Update from ESFA meeting 12 June

- Effective 1 September 2018
- Permission for related party transactions – 2018/19
- Enhanced budget guidance
- Enhanced financial monitoring requirements
- Executive pay
- Page 6/7 – full summary of changes

- Lots of issues, administration, decisions and requirements but.....
- Never lose sight of why we are here and who we are here for!
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Thank you