

# Foreword

The Secretary of State is committed to helping schools improve outcomes for pupils by making every pound count and getting the best value from all of their resources. At the ESFA, we very much see our role as being a key part of delivering the Secretary of State's vision for ensuring best and most effective use of resources. Through doing this, we, like you, want to play our part in supporting, developing and funding world-class education and skills provision.

Instrumental to that commitment is the valuable work of school business professionals. The role is key to excellent school resource management, and I am grateful for ISBL's work supporting their members to undertake this responsibility. We at the ESFA appreciate the collaborative way in which you work with us.

I welcome this review of the professional standards. If we can harness the power and capability of the sector, we can ensure schools have the very best school business professionals and continue to improve the education of children and young people in our communities.



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