

**SOMERSET COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS MEMBER / OFFICER DECISION RECORD**

KEY DECISION RECORD

Delivering Better Value for Special Educations Needs and Disabilities in Somerset

Executive Member(s): Lead Member for Children, Families and Education

Local Member(s) and Division: N/A

Lead Officer: Rob Hart, Assistant Service Director – Inclusion

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Date decision comes into force: 31 October 2023

1. Lead Member / Officer Key Decision

1.1 That the Lead Member for Children, Families and Education and the Service Director for Finance and Procurement, on behalf of the Executive Director for Resources and Corporate Services:

a) Approved the receipt of a £1 million grant from the DfE and its use in line with the objectives set out in the grant application that has been approved by the DfE.

1.2 That the Lead Member for Children, Families and Education:

a) Delegated authority to the Service Director for Inclusion, in consultation with the Lead Member for Children, Families and Education and the Executive Director for Children, Families and Education, to agree expenditure of the grant in line with the DBV application.

b) Instructs the Strategic Manager for Inclusion Transformation and Partnerships, to develop and implement a programme of delivery against the three workstreams, and report progress to the DfE in line with the terms of the grant.

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Signed by:

Lead Member for Children, Families and Education

Service Director – Finance and Procurement

2. **Reason for Decision(s)**
As set out in the Officer's report
3. **Reason(s) for Urgency**
None
4. **Details of any alternative options considered and rejected**
As set out in the attached report
5. **Any relevant Personal Interest that the Executive Lead Member may have under the Council's Code of Conduct for Members**
None
6. **Details of any conflict(s) of interest declared by an Executive Lead Member consulted about the proposals and any dispensation from Chief Executive**
None
7. **Other background information considered by the Executive Lead Member before making this decision**
That the recommendation 1.2a be amended to include the Executive Director for Children, Families and Education:

1.2a as amended and agreed:
Delegated authority to the Service Director for Inclusion, in consultation with the Lead Member for Children, Families and Education and the Executive Director for Children, Families and Education, to agree expenditure of the grant in line with the DBV application.