

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

KEY DECISION RECORD

Schools Converting to Academy Status – November/December 2023

Executive Member(s): Cllr Tessa Munt - Lead Member for Children Families and Education

Local Member(s) and Division: Cllr Norman Cavill and Cllr David Fothergill (Monkton and North Curry)

Cllr Mike Hewitson and Cllr Oliver Patrick (Coker)

Cllr Henry Hobhouse and Cllr Kevin Messenger (Castle Cary)

Lead Officer: Claire Winter – Director of Children’s Services

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Date of publication of decision: 18 October 2023

Date decision comes into force: 26 October 2023

1. Key Decision

1.1 That the Lead Member for Children, Families and Education and the Service Director - Strategic Asset Management:

- a) authorised the Council to enter into a Commercial Transfer Agreement relating to the transfer of the staff, assets and contracts of the following schools to the following Trusts:

School Name/Trust Name	School Category	Proposed Conversion Date
Stoke St Gregory Church of England Primary School to The Oak Partnership Trust	Voluntary Controlled	01/11/2023
Castle Cary Community Primary School to The Academies for Character and Excellence Trust	Community	01/11/2023
West Chinnock Church of England Primary School to The Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust	Voluntary Controlled	01/12/2023
Norton-Sub Hambdon Church of England Primary School to The Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust	Voluntary Controlled	01/12/2023

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- b) Approved the grant of a 125 year leasehold interest in land owned by Somerset Council to the relevant academy trust on a peppercorn basis (as set out paragraph 16.8 in this report).
- c) Take on behalf of the Council all necessary actions and enter into any necessary transactions to give effect to the above and any supporting documentation that may be required to give effect to the same.

Signed by:

Lead Member for Children, Families and Education

Service Director – Strategic Asset Management

- 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 and Executive Director before making this decision**
None