

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

NON KEY DECISION RECORD

Children's Social Care allowances, fees, and charges for 2023/24

Executive Member: Lead Member for Children, Families and Education

Local Member(s) and Division: Not applicable

Lead Officer: Jayne Shelbourn-Barrow, Service Director

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1. Executive Member Non-Key Decision

The Lead Member for Children, Families and Education:

- agreed the Children's Social Care allowances, fees, and charges for 2023/24 (as set out in Appendix A), based on the current formulae for calculating allowances; a 5% increase on all fees and allowances from 1st April 2023.
- agreed that Appendix A should be treated as exempt information and to be treated in confidence on the ground that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of the tenderers and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Signed by the Lead Member for Children, Families and Education:

2. Reason for Decision(s)

As set out in the Officer's report

3. Reason(s) for Urgency

N/A

4. Details of any alternative options considered and rejected

As set out in the attached report

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5. Any relevant Personal Interest that the Lead Member may have under the Council's Code of Conduct for Members
None

6. Details of any conflict(s) of interest declared by a Lead Member consulted about the proposals and any dispensation from Chief Executive
None

7. Other background information considered by the Lead Member before making this decision
As set out in the attached report