

KEY DECISION RECORD

Schools Converting to Academy Status January – March 2024

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

Local Member(s) and Division: Cllr Michael Dunk, Cllr Martin Dimmery (Frome)

Cllr Nicola Clark and Cllr Sarah Dyke (Blackmore Vale)

Cllr Philip Ham and Cllr Barry Clarke (Mendip Central and East)

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

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Date decision comes into force: 20 December 2023

1. Executive Member / Officer Key Decision

1.1. It is recommended that the Lead Member for Children and Families and the Strategic Asset Management Service Director:

1.2. a) authorise 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
St Louis Catholic Primary School to The Dunstan Catholic Educational Trust	Voluntary Aided	01/01/2024

Abbas and Templecombe Church of England Primary School to The Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust	Voluntary Controlled	01/01/2024
St Aldhelm's Church of England Primary School to The Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust	Voluntary Aided	01/01/2024
St Nicholas Church of England Primary School to The Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust	Voluntary Controlled	01/03/2024

- b) Approve 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 in 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 the Lead Member for Children, Families and Education and the Service Director for Strategic Asset Management:

Cllr Tessa Munt

Oliver Woodhams

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

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