

KEY DECISION RECORD

Schools Converting to Academy Status May 2024

Executive Member(s): Cllr Heather Shearer- Lead Member for Children Families and Education

Local Member(s) and Division: Cllr Steve Ashton and Cllr Mike Best (Crewkerne) Cllr Adam Dance and Cllr Jo Roundell Greene (South Petherton Isle Moor) Cllr Oliver Patrick and Cllr Mike Hewitson (Coker)

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

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Date decision comes into force: 13 March 2024

1. Executive Member / Officer Key Decision

The Lead Member for Children Families and Education and the Strategic Asset Management Service Director:

- 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
Ashland Church of England Primary School joining the Quantock Education Trust	Voluntary Controlled	01/05/2024
St Bartholomew’s Church of England Primary School joining the Quantock Education Trust	Voluntary Controlled	01/05/2024
Merriott Community Primary School joining the Quantock Education Trust	Community	01/05/2024
Haselbury Plucknett Church of England Primary School joining the Quantock Education Trust	Voluntary Controlled	01/05/2024

- b) Approved where relevant the grant of a 125-year leasehold interest in land owned by Somerset Council to the relevant academy trust and /or a statutory transfer of land to the relevant Diocesan Board. Leases will be granted on a peppercorn basis and statutory transfers on nil consideration (as set out in paragraph 16.8 of the 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.

Please note the change of date from the 1 April 2024 and now to take place 1 May 2024.

Signed by:

Cllr Heather Shearer

The Lead Member for Children, Families and Education

Oliver Woodhams

The Service Director for 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 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 and Officer before making this decision**

As set out in the attached report.