

sKEY DECISION RECORD

Schools Converting to Academy Status June 2024

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

Local Member(s) and Division: Cllr John Bailey and Cllr Emily Pearlstone (Martock)
Cllr Barry Clarke and Cllr Philip Ham (Mendip Central and East), Cllr Bente Height and Cllr Martin Lovell (Shepton Mallet).

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

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Date decision comes into force: 2 May 2024

1. Executive Member / Officer Key Decision

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

1.2. 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
Ash Church of England Primary School joining the Preston Primary Academy Trust	Voluntary Controlled	01/06/2024
Stoke St Michael Primary School joining the Wessex Learning Trust	Community	01/06/2024
Croscombe Church of England Primary School joining the Wessex Learning Trust	Voluntary Aided	01/06/2024

- 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 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

Cllr Heather Shearer

The Service Director for Strategic Asset Management:

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

The request to Somerset Council officers to preserve the use of the Croscombe playground