

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

KEY DECISION RECORD

Schools Converting to Academy Status Autumn Term 2024

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

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

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Date of publication of decision: 10 July 2024

Date decision comes into force: 18 July 2024

1. Executive Non 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	Direct Academy Order	School Category	Proposed Conversion Date
Bishops Hull Primary School joining Blackdown Education Partnership	No	Community	01/09/2024
Lovington C of E Primary School joining Preston Primary Academy Trust	Yes	Voluntary Controlled	01/10/2024
Evercreech C of E Primary School joining Preston Primary Academy Trust	No	Voluntary Controlled	01/10/2024
Kilmersdon C of E Primary School joining Bath and Wells MAT	No	Voluntary Aided	01/11/2024
Beckington C of E First School joining Bath and Wells MAT	No	Voluntary Controlled	01/11/2024
Mells C of E First School joining Bath and Wells MAT	No	Voluntary Controlled	01/11/2024
Burnham-On-Sea Infants joining Pathway Trust-pending Advisory Board decision	No	Community	01/12/2024

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St Andrews Junior joining Pathway Trust - pending Advisory Board decision	No	Voluntary Controlled	01/12/2024
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- 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 Executive Lead Member Children, Families and Education

Cllr Heather Shearer

Service Director – Strategic Asset Management

Oliver Woodhams

- 2. Reason for Decision(s)**
As set out in the Officer's report
- 3. Reason(s) for Urgency (where applicable)**
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 before making this decision**
As set out in the attached report