

SOMERSET COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS MEMBER / OFFICER DECISION RECORD

KEY DECISION RECORD

Allocation of 2023/24 Dedicated Schools Grant High Needs Block

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1. Officer Key Decision

The Executive Director, Children Services agreed to:

1. Distribute the 2023/24 High Needs Block of £75.7m, in line with the conditions of the grant, to education settings and service areas as detailed in 3.1.3 of this report; and,
2. Pursuant to recommendation 2.1.1, and in accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation, delegate authority to the Service Director for Inclusion to finalise, oversee and make any necessary adjustments to High Needs budgets in response to relevant changes in circumstance or guidance.

SIGNED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN SERVICES

2. Reason for Decision(s)

As set out in the Officer's report

3. Reason(s) for Urgency

None

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- 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 Executive Director before making this decision**
Comments from Elected Members of Somerset Council