

## Delegated Decision Notice

This form is the written record of a key, significant operational or administrative decision taken by an officer.

<b>Decision type</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Key Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Operational Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Decision
<b>Approximate value</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Below £500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £500,000 to £1,000,000 <input type="checkbox"/> over £1,000,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> below £25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £25,000 to £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £100,000 to £500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Over £500,000	<input type="checkbox"/> below £25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £25,000 to £100,000
<b>Director<sup>1</sup></b>	The Director of Children and Families		
<b>Contact person:</b>	Liz Richards (Planning Manager – Sufficiency and Participation Team)	Telephone number: 0113 3787235	
<b>Subject<sup>2</sup>:</b>	Commercial Transfer Agreement – Strawberry Fields Primary School to Selby Education Trust		
<b>Decision details<sup>3</sup>:</b>	<p>What decision has been taken? (Set out all necessary decisions to be taken by the decision taker including decisions in relation to exempt information, exemption from call in etc.)</p> <p>The Director of Children &amp; Families agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note the negotiations held with Solicitors acting on behalf of the Governing Body of Strawberry Fields Primary School and Selby Education Trust;</li> <li>• Give authority for the Commercial Transfer Agreement between Leeds City Council (LCC), the Governing Body of Strawberry Field's Primary School, and Selby Education Trust to be executed and completed to enable Strawberry Fields Primary School to open as an academy on 1st April 2024 or such later date advised by the DfE; and</li> <li>• Give authority for any other necessary action to be taken to effect the transfer.</li> </ul>		

<sup>1</sup> Give title of Director with delegated responsibility for function to which decision relates.

<sup>2</sup> If the decision is key and has appeared on the list of forthcoming key decisions, the title of the decision should be the same as that used in the list


<sup>3</sup> Simply refer to supporting report where used as these matters have been set out in detail.

	<p>A brief statement of the reasons for the decision (Include any significant financial, procurement, legal or equalities implications, having consulted with Finance, PACS, Legal, HR and Equality colleagues as appropriate)</p> <p>Under the Academies Act 2010, publicly funded schools in England may become academies. Schools may be converted into academies by an academy order made under s4 of the Act and on 19 September 2023 the Director of Children and Families received the academy order enabling Strawberry Fields Primary School to convert to an academy. The proposed conversion date is 1st April 2024 or such later date as advised by the DfE.</p> <p>This is a Significant Operational Decision on the basis that there are indemnities within the CTA around staffing, however this has been assessed against the impact of the conversion not proceeding or proceeding without the LCC entering into the Commercial Transfer Agreement, which is a greater risk for the Council under the circumstances.</p>
	<p>Brief details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the decision maker at the time of making the decision</p> <p>Not applicable</p>
<b>Affected wards:</b>	Garforth & Swillington
<b>Details of consultation undertaken<sup>4</sup>:</b>	<p>Executive Member</p> <p>Ward Councillors</p> <p>Chief Digital and Information Officer<sup>5</sup></p> <p>Chief Asset Management and Regeneration Officer<sup>6</sup></p> <p>Others</p> <p>Any other required consultation will have been carried out by the Regional Schools Commissioner.</p>
<b>Implementation</b>	<p>Officer accountable, and proposed timescales for implementation</p> <p>Darren Crawley - The agreements will be executed and completed to enable the</p>

<sup>4</sup> Include details of any interest disclosed by an elected Member on consultation and the date of any relevant dispensation given.

<sup>5</sup> See Officer Delegation Scheme (Executive Functions) CDIO must be consulted in relation to all matters relating to the Council's use of digital technology

<sup>6</sup> See Officer Delegation Scheme (Executive Functions) CAMRO must be consulted in relation to all matters relating to the Council's land and buildings.

	Academy to transfer on 1st April 2024 (or such later date advised by DfE)	
<b>List of Forthcoming Key Decisions<sup>7</sup></b>	Date Added to List:-	
	<b>If Special Urgency or General Exception</b> a brief statement of the reason why it is impracticable to delay the decision	
	<b>If Special Urgency</b> Relevant Scrutiny Chair(s) approval Signature _____ Date _____	
<b>Publication of report<sup>8</sup></b>	If not published for 5 clear working days prior to decision being taken the reason why not possible:	
	If published late relevant Executive member's approval Signature _____ Date _____	
<b>Call In</b>	Is the decision available <sup>9</sup> for call-in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	<b>If exempt from call-in</b> , the reason why call-in would prejudice the interests of the council or the public:	
<b>Approval of Decision</b>	Authorised decision maker <sup>10</sup> Julie Longworth - Director of Children and Families	
	Signature 	Date 7/3/24

<sup>7</sup> See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 2.4 - 2.6. Complete this section for key decisions only

<sup>8</sup> See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 3.1. Complete this section for key decisions only

<sup>9</sup> See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 5.1. Significant operational decisions taken by officers are never available for call in. Key decisions are always available for call in unless they have been exempted from call in under rule 5.1.3.

<sup>10</sup> Give the post title and name of the officer with appropriate delegated authority to take the decision.

