

Delegated Decision Notice (DDN)

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

Decision type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Key Decision	Significant Operational Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Decision
Approximate value	<input type="checkbox"/> Below £500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £500,000 to £1,000,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> over £1,000,000	<input 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
Director¹	Children & Families		
Contact person:	Tim Pouncey	Telephone number: 0113 3783628	
Subject²:	North West SILC Conversion Deficit Balance		
Decision details³:	<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 & Families approved the estimated North West SILC accumulated deficit of £1.1m is to be funded from the High needs block of the Dedicated Schools Grant. This transfer of funding will be undertaken by finance upon final confirmation of the NW SILC conversion deficit balance.</p>		
	<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>In May 2016 the North West Specialist Inclusive Learning Centre (NW SILC) received an Inadequate OFSTED rating which subsequently resulted in an Academy Order and a review of leadership.</p> <p>The SILC converted into an Academy on 1st May 2021 with an accumulated deficit of £1.1m.</p>		

¹ Give title of Director with delegated responsibility for function to which decision relates.


² 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

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

	<p>Funding the NW SILC deficit through the High needs block is a fair and transparent approach which will ensure that Council funding is aligned with corporate priorities</p> <p>The proposal to fund the NW SILC deficit balance from the High Needs Block has been discussed and agreed by the members of the DSG Board, in addition Schools Forum have previously been made aware of the intention to fund the deficit balance through the High needs block</p>
	<p>Brief details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the decision maker at the time of making the decision</p> <p>As the local authority is obliged to cover the NW SILC deficit the alternative option considered was to fund this through the General Fund Childrens and Families revenue budget 2021/22.</p> <p>The Childrens and Families budget 2021/22 already includes a challenging savings target of £13m to achieve a balance budget. To fund the NW SILC deficit against this budget would add further pressures on the service to identify.</p>
Affected wards:	.None
Details of consultation undertaken⁴:	Executive Member
	Ward Councillors
	Others
Implementation	
List of Forthcoming Key Decisions⁵	Date Added to List:-
	If Special Urgency or General Exception a brief statement of the reason why it is impracticable to delay the decision
	If Special Urgency Relevant Scrutiny Chair(s) approval Signature _____ Date _____
Publication of	If not published for 5 clear working days prior to decision being taken the reason why not possible:

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

⁵ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 2.4 - 2.6. Complete this section for key decisions only

report⁶	If published late relevant Executive member's approval	
	Signature	Date
Call In	Is the decision available ⁷ for call-in?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	If exempt from call-in , the reason why call-in would prejudice the interests of the council or the public:	
Approval of Decision	Authorised decision maker ⁸ Sal Tariq – Director of Children & Families	
	Signature 	Date: 15/12/21

⁶ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 3.1. Complete this section for key decisions only

⁷ 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.

⁸ Give the post title and name of the officer with appropriate delegated authority to take the decision.