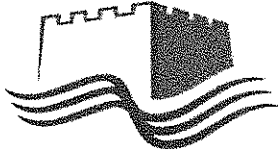


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<p>Report of: James Thomas, Corporate Director Children and Culture</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Cyril Jackson primary school academy conversion</p>	

Is this a Key Decision?	Yes
Decision Notice Publication Date:	29 July 2021
General Exception or Urgency Notice published?	General Exception notice published 29 July 2021
Restrictions:	None
Reason for seeking an Individual Mayoral Decision:	1 September 2021 is the date set by the Department for Education in relation to the academy conversion of Cyril Jackson primary school. While the Mayor has to approve the lease arrangements and the commercial transfer, once the Secretary of State has issued an academy order to a school the council must work with the school on all matters related to conversion. Should the council miss deadlines set by the DfE this could result in Secretary of State intervention and unnecessary reputational damage.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report asks for Mayoral approval for completion of lease arrangements and commercial transfers related to the academy conversion of Cyril Jackson primary school. The school received an academy order from the Secretary of State on 19 March 2021 and has indicated its wish to convert to academy status and join the University Schools Trust (a Multi-Academy Trust) on 1 September 2021.

Once applications from school governing bodies have been approved by the Secretary of State the expectation is that local authorities will work with schools on all transfer matters

Full details of the decision sought, including setting out the reasons for the recommendations and/or all the options put forward; other options considered; background information; the comments of the Chief Finance Officer; the concurrent report of the Head of Legal Services; equalities implications; and other relevant matters are set out in the attached report.

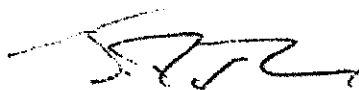
DECISION

1. To authorise the grant of a 125-year lease to the University Schools Trust for Cyril Jackson primary school
2. To authorise the Corporate Director, Place, to agree final terms and conditions for the grant of the new lease
3. To authorise the execution of any other land related agreement to allow for the University Schools Trust operation of the Academy from the transfer date
4. To authorise the council to enter into commercial and staffing transfer agreements on suitably agreed terms
5. To authorise the Corporate Director, Children and Culture, after consultation with the Corporate Director, Resources, and Divisional Director, Legal (Monitoring Officer), to enter into and undertake remaining issues and/or agreements associated with the conversion
6. To authorise the Divisional Director, Legal (Monitoring Officer), to execute all documentation required to implement the decisions
7. To authorise the Corporate Director, Resources, to execute the Local Government (Contract) Act 1997 Certificate required to implement the decisions
8. To note the equalities considerations as set out in Paragraph 5.1. in the attached report

APPROVALS

1. Corporate Director proposing the decision or his/her deputy

I approve the attached report and proposed decision above for submission to the Mayor. I confirm that the Mayor and/or Lead Member have agreed to this decision being taken using this process.



Signed Date 5 August 2021

2. Chief Finance Officer or his/her deputy

I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments.



Signed Date 5th August 21

3. Monitoring Officer or his/her deputy

I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments.

I confirm that this decision is urgent and subject to the 'General Exception' provision at paragraph 18 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

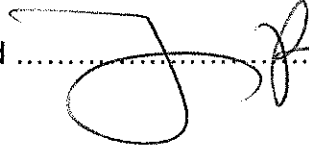


Signed Date 05/08/2021

4. Mayor

I agree the decision proposed in the recommendations above for the reasons set out in sections 3 and 4 in the attached report.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized capital 'J' followed by a cursive 'P'.

Date

9/8/21