

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Licence to Occupy for Broadlands Childrens Centre, Broadlands Lane Hereford to Mercian Educational Trust (MET) an academy for children with special educational needs (SEN)
Date of decision:	05.01.2024
Decision maker:	Strategic Assets Delivery Director
Authority for delegated decision:	Corporate Services' scheme of delegation dated July 2023 updated August 2023 (line 35) gives the Strategic Assets Delivery Director the authority to take the decision
Ward:	Aylestone Hill
Consultation:	With Head of Additional Need in Children & Young People's Directorate who has confirmed support for a new Licence to MET who are taking over the existing Brookfield School Ltd and will continue to deliver education from the property to children at risk of permanent exclusion from their mainstream schools
Decision made:	Approve the the grant of a licence to occupy in respect of Broadlands Children's Centre Hereford to MET
Reasons for decision:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadlands childrens centre is owned by the Council and is currently occupied under a Licence to Occupy by Brookfield School Ltd to deliver education from the property to children at risk of permanent exclusion from their mainstream schools . • Brookfield School are being taken over by MET who wish to continue to deliver the service being delivered from the premises. • There is a growing need for SEN places in the county and pressure on existing SEN places. • The work being carried out in the property is directed at helping children who are at risk of exclusion to remain in and benefit from mainstream education and thus reduce pressure on SEN places • The licence will be on the basis that MET continue to pay all costs/outgoings in respect of the property including mains services, repairs and maintenance , business rates
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	The Council's legal team will deal with the Licence to ensure the Council's position is protected. Not proceeding with this proposal will increase the pressure on SEN places in the county
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	None – no alternative accommodation for this proposal has been identified
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed..... Date: 05.01.2024
Strategic Assets Delivery Director