

LEADER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: Councillor Phil Davies
Leader of the Council

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

SUBJECT: DELEGATION OF APPOINTMENT TO EDSENTIAL BOARD

1. RECOMMENDATION:

- 1.1. That authority to appoint a director of Edsential (company number 09550258) be granted to the Corporate Director for Business Management.

2. REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 2.1. To ensure that the Council is continually represented by way of appointment of a director to Edsential.

3.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 3.1 Not altering the directorship, either temporarily or permanently, will reduce the flow of information and representation of the interests of the Wirral Council.

4.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION



- 4.1 Edsential (company number 09550258) is a Community Interest Company (CIC) established to provide services to schools and is jointly owned by Wirral Borough Council and Cheshire East Council.
- 4.2 Mr Armstrong, as Corporate Director for Delivery Services & Assistant Chief Executive, is the Council's appointed director of the company. He has held this position since the start of the company and was also instrumental in the setting up of the company.
- 4.3 Mr Armstrong's position is that he now considers he is not best placed to undertake this role and recommended that another officer takes his place.
- 4.4 In keeping with the current arrangement, a sole director operating with these services is considered to be best performed by an officer of the Council connected with school provision and with a knowledge of procurement and provision of services. It is felt appropriate that a senior officer undertakes this role and is able to report regularly on activities and decisions made to the Shareholder Board and relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

4.5 Due consideration needs to be given to how, when and to whom the transfer of directorship is to be made.

5. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

6. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

<p>Signed: </p> <p>Executive Member: <i>CLL.R. PHIL DAVIES</i></p> <p>Date: <i>19/3/19.</i></p> <p>Also present:</p>	<p>Signed: </p> <p>Chief Officer: <i>P. McCourt</i></p> <p>Date: <i>19/3/19</i></p>
<p>Date of Senior Policy Team Meeting(s):</p>	

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