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OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Department: Resources and Development

Division: Resources and Development (Development and Growth)

Estates and Asset Management Section

Date of Decision / Issue of Licence:

5th January 2023

Officer Making Decision:

Denise McGuckin (Managing Director)

Subject / Description & Reason for Decision:

Ward Jackson Primary School – grant of academy lease

Ward Jackson Primary School governing body has obtained an Academy Order and intends to join Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Learning Trust. As it is a church school only the playing field is owned by the Council. In order to facilitate the academy conversion it is intended to grant an academy lease of the playing field on the following main terms:

- Tenant: Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Learning Trust
- 2. Lease Term: 125 years from 1st April 2023
- 3. Rent: Nil
- 4. User: Educational Purposes in accordance with Academies Act 2010 only
- Alienation, Assignments & Under letting: Landlord's prior written consent required, not to be unreasonably withheld but assignment must be to another academy trust.
- 6. Alterations: Landlord's prior written consent required, not to be unreasonably withheld
- 7. Repair and Insurance: Tenant responsibility (except for pre-existing defects)

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The authority usually charges the Academy Trust £2,500 per school to cover legal and other costs incurred in the academy conversion process.

The playing field area to be leased is shown verged red on the plan below.

Type of Decision: Non Key

Nature of Delegation Being Exercised:

Committee Delegated Authority

In accordance with paragraph 4.2 of the Delegation Scheme set out at Part 3 of the Constitution the Managing Director is authorised to exercise any of those functions delegated to the Directors and hereby exercises the delegation as set out below:

DRD74 Power to approve land and property disposal, leases, lettings, licences, wayleaves, easements, undertaking and concluding rent reviews, lease renewals and the release and amendments of restrictions, covenants and other land and property matters within prescribed thresholds as set out in the Finance and Policy committee arrangements

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

None

Any Declared Register of Interest

No

OFFICER WITH THE DELEGATION

SIGNED:	
NAME:	Denise McGuckin
POSITION:	Managing Director
DATE:	5 th January 2023

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