

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

Item	Outcome
Date Of Decision	30 May 2018
Decision Maker	Catherine Driscoll, Director of Children, Families and Communities
Brief Description Of Decision	Approval of the final terms of the transfer of Severn Arts (SA) (previously known as Worcestershire Youth Music) to a Company Limited by Guarantee with charitable status on the 1 June 2018.
Reason(s) For Decision	<p>Following the Cabinet Member Decision in September 2017 the delegated authority was given to the Director of Children, Families and Communities (CFC) to take the final decision on transfer and to approve the final development of terms on which SA will leave the Council, in consultation with the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Communities</p> <p>The terms of the transfer are largely in line with what was proposed in the Cabinet Member Decision, the only significant change is the reduction in the loan from £470k to £400k. During negotiations a £50K risk contingency was discussed but not agreed and instead the County Council is now acting as a guarantor for Severn Arts in relation to the Teacher's Pension Scheme.</p>
Alternative Options Considered And Rejected	<p>(a) Retain in house (b) Tender or transfer of Business to an alternative provider (c) Creation of an independent music service, Company Limited by Guarantee, with charitable status (d) Creation of an independent music service through joining up with Music Service, Company Limited by Guarantee, with charitable status</p> <p>(via the Cabinet Recommendations report in 2015 – options appraisal)</p>
Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted	<p>I am very happy to support this decision as the cabinet member for Communities</p> 