
CABINET'S DELEGATED POWERS – ADDITIONAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

**Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor Don Bristow
Resource Management Portfolio**

Responsible Director – Director of Corporate Services

Purpose of the report

1. To increase Cabinet's delegation to approve additional capital expenditure from £250,000 to £500,000 for the financial year 2006-07.

Background

2. Under the Council's Constitution, Part 3 Responsibility for Functions, Cabinet can approve capital schemes, to be financed via the Authority's own resources, up to a cumulative maximum of £250,000 without reference to Council each financial year. To date during 2006/07 Cabinet has approved £171,900 of additional capital expenditure which will be funded from the Council's own resources without reference to Council for a number of schemes outlined in **Appendix 1**.
3. In order that capital schemes can progress promptly it is requested that Council increase the maximum limit that Cabinet can approve without reference to Council during 2006-07 by £250,000 to £500,000. If this approval is not given then new schemes cannot be released in the current financial year without Council approval.

Outcome of Consultation

4. There has been no consultation of this report.

Legal Implications

5. This report has been considered by the Legal Services Manager for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Legal Services Manager considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members, other than those highlighted in the report.

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

6. The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in

its area. It is not considered that the contents of this report have any such effect.

Council Policy Framework

7. The issues contained within this report are required to be considered by Council.

Conclusion

8. It is requested that Council increase the maximum limit of additional capital expenditure that Cabinet approve without reference to Council to £500,000 for the financial year 2006-07.

Recommendation

9. Council is requested to increase the maximum limit of additional capital expenditure that can be approved by Cabinet without reference to Council from £250,000 to £500,000 for the financial year 2006-07.

Reasons

10. The recommendations are supported in order that urgent capital schemes can progress promptly.

Director of Corporate Services

Background Papers

- (i) Council's Constitution

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Appendix 1

<u>Date of Cabinet Meeting</u>	<u>Description of Scheme</u>	<u>Amount of Capital Expenditure approved</u>
12th July 2006	Footpath and Land at Ullswater Avenue	£41,900
12th July 2006	Town Hall Lift Refurbishment	£130,000
	Total Amount Approved by Cabinet to date	£171,900