
**CABINET'S DELEGATED POWERS- ADDITIONAL REVENUE AND CAPITAL
EXPENDITURE**

Responsible Cabinet Member – Councillor Stephen Harker, Resources Portfolio

Responsible Director – Paul Wildsmith Director of Corporate Services

Purpose of Report

1. To consider Cabinet's request to increase their delegation to approve additional expenditure for Capital and Revenue from £250,000 to £500,000 for 2007/08 and future years

Background

2. Under the Council's Constitution, Part 3 Responsibility for Functions, Cabinet can approve additional revenue funds and capital expenditure financed via the Authority's own resources of up to a maximum of £250,000 each without reference to Council each financial year. The £250,000 maximum has been in place for a number of years.
3. With regard to Capital Expenditure, over the last 2-3 years it has been necessary to increase this limit to £500,000 each year. This has allowed capital schemes to progress more promptly, many of which by their nature have been urgent. The proposed new level for delegation £500,000 represents about 0.75% of the Capital Programme.
4. Whilst it has not been necessary to increase the delegated amount for Revenue Funding the additional amounts approved over the recent years have been very close to the limit. Again this limit has not changed for a number of years, but at the same time the Revenue Budget has increased year on year. The new proposed level for delegation, £500,000, represents less than 0.5% of the 2007/2008 Revenue Budget.
5. Cabinet considered the issue of delegation at its meeting on 13th November, 2007 and decided to request Council to increase the limits to £500,000 for the revenue and capital.

Outcome of Consultation

6. There has been no consultation on this report

Legal Implications

7. This report has been considered by the Borough Solicitor for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Borough Solicitor 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

8. 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

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

Conclusion

10. It is requested that Council increase the maximum limit for delegation for additional revenue funds and additional capital expenditure from £250,000 to £500,000, both cases, for the financial year 2007/08 and future years. This will allow urgent capital schemes to progress more promptly and keep the delegated limits inline with the size of overall budgets.

Recommendation

11. Council are requested to increase Cabinet's maximum limit for delegation for additional revenue funds and additional capital expenditure from £250,000 to £500,000, in both cases, for 2007/08 and future years.

Reasons

12. The recommendation is supported in order that delegation limits keep in context with the size of overall budgets.

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Background Papers

Constitution

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