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

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**Responsible Cabinet Member – Councillor Stephen Harker Resources Portfolio**

**Responsible Director – Paul Wildsmith, Director of Corporate Services**

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**Purpose of Report**

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

**Information and Analysis**

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.

**Outcome of Consultation**

5. There has been no consultation on this report

**Legal Implications**

6. 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**

7. 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**

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

## **Decision Deadline**

9. For the purpose of the 'call-in' procedure this does not represent an urgent matter.

## **Recommendation**

10. It is recommended that Cabinet request Council to increase their maximum limit for delegation for additional revenue funds and additional capital expenditure that can be approved by Cabinet without reference to Council from £250,000 to £500,000, in both cases, for 2007/08 and future years..

## **Reasons**

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

**Paul Wildsmith**  
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## **Background Papers**

### Constitution

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