

## **RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET ON 17 APRIL 2018 TO COUNCIL ON 14 JUNE 2018**

### **CAB147: REVIEW OF KEY DECISION LEVEL**

Councillor Long presented a report which reminded Members that The Scheme of Delegation set out the areas delegated to Portfolio Holders to make decisions and complied with the Council's Financial Regulations. Key Decisions were not delegated to Portfolio Holders and must be considered in Cabinet. Key Decisions were defined as:-

an executive decision which is likely –

(a) to result in the local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates;

or

(b) to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in the area comprising two or more wards and electoral divisions in the Council's areas where significant under a) above is £250,000 or more and significant under b) above is one third of the resident population in a ward.

It was noted that the level of key decisions had not been reviewed since it was originally approved and as many contractual decisions amounted to a key decision when the finances were added for the life of the contract, the decision would need to go to Cabinet even when the tender had come in under budget. Raising this level would permit a decision to be taken by individual Cabinet Members / and or Officers where delegation permits, but would still be transparent with decisions published as required.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the Key Decision Limit be set at £500,000.

#### **Reason for Decision**

To permit relatively modest revenue contracts which run for a number of years to be procured more speedily, and to reflect the impact of inflation since the original figure of £250,000 was agreed when Executive arrangements were originally set up.