

**OFFICER REPORT TO COUNCIL****AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION – THE EXERCISE OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS****KEY ISSUE/DECISION:**

The Leader has agreed a change to the executive functions delegated to individual Cabinet Members as listed in Table 2 of paragraph 8.2 of the Council's Scheme of Delegation. In accordance with Articles 5.02 and 6.04(d)(ii) of the Council's Constitution, the change made by the Leader is being reported to Council.

BACKGROUND:

1. The Leader is responsible for maintaining a list in Part 3 of the Constitution setting out who will exercise executive functions. Any changes to this list are required to be reported to the next appropriate meeting of the County Council.
2. The Leader has agreed to delegate the following additional executive function to individual Cabinet Members:
 - Approval of loans to schools

This function was previously exercised by the full Cabinet. The delegation does not affect the officer delegation in respect of the approval of loans, but does mean that loans of between £500,000 and £1m will be subject to Cabinet Member approval, rather than Cabinet approval as previously. Any loans in excess of £1m will be submitted to Cabinet for approval.

3. This change has been reflected in Table 2 of paragraph 8.2 of the Council's Scheme of Delegation by the addition of point (p), and is being reported to Council for information in accordance with Articles 5.02 and 6.04(d)(ii) of the Council's Constitution. The revised Table 2 is attached at Annex 1.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Leader's decision to delegate the approval of loans to schools to Cabinet Members be noted.

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Sources/background papers:

The Council's Constitution
Email correspondence
