

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Subject: Constitution
Committee: Council
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Cabinet Member:
CMT Member: Monitoring Officer
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Key Decision: No
Part: I

Executive Summary:

On the adoption of the constitution, the constitution working group were asked to look again at the upper level of the financial limit on delegation to officers. The working group have now looked again at the limit and are recommending that the upper limit for officers is reduced as set out in the body of this report. The broad result is that on revenue, the upper limit for officer delegation is set at £100,000.

Corporate Plan 2011 – 2014:

There are no direct implications in relation to the corporate plan. However it is vital to ensure that effective governance arrangements are in place to deliver the corporate plan.

Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land

There are no direct implications in relation to the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resources.

Other Implications: e.g. Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management and Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion:

There are no direct implications.

Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:

To revise the financial regulations to set an upper limit on revenue expenditure and virements at £100,000.

Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:

The working group considered the present £200,000 limit (only adopted in December 2011) and determined that on balance, the figure should be £100,000.

Background papers:
None

Sign off:

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Originating SMT Member Tim Howes											

Background to Report

At Council on the 5 December 2011 the new constitution was adopted, with a request that the constitution working group should look again at the delegation limit for officers. The working group has now reconsidered this point and recommended that the upper limit for revenue be moved back to £100,000.

A quick review of other similar authorities had been undertaken where it was noted that a limit of £200,000 was relatively high, with £100,000 more the norm.

If this is agreed by Council, then the constitution will be amended as appropriate to reflect the decision.