

CABINET**19 March 2014****Minute Extract****557. GOVERNANCE REVIEW – FINANCIAL LIMITS IN THE CONSTITUTION**
(Report CAB2562 refers)

The Chairman requested that the Appendix 1, Page 3 of the Report be amended to replace point 10 with the following:

10	Rule 7.4	Chief Finance Officer delegated virement limit up to £25k per year per Division	Update to: a) Delegated to CFO – virement limit up to £25K per year per Team b) Delegated to CFO in consultation with the Leader – virement over £25k and up to £50k per year per Team.
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This amendment was agreed.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Learney addressed Cabinet in general support of the proposals in the Report. However, she believed that the proposed change from the current £100,000 level of supplementary estimate, revenue estimate or virement requiring Council approval to £0.5 million was too great an increase and disproportionate in relation to the overall Council budget (Appendix 1, Item 3 refers). She suggested the level be set at either £200,000 or £250,000 instead.

The Chief Operating Officer advised that the change was proposed because it was considered that the current level of £100,000 was too low, but it was a matter for Members to decide the most appropriate amount. The Chief Finance Officer stated that instances of such a supplementary estimate etc being required should only occur infrequently.

Following discussion, Cabinet agreed that the Cabinet authorisation limit be set at £250,000 (and not the £0.5 million proposed in the Report).

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

RECOMMENDED:

1. THAT THE CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AS SET OUT IN APPENDIX 1 OF THE REPORT AND AMENDED ABOVE, BE APPROVED.

2. THAT THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER BE GIVEN DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO MAKE ANY FURTHER MINOR CONSEQUENTIAL CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE CHANGES OUTLINED IN APPENDIX 1 OF THE REPORT.

RESOLVED:

That the updated Schemes of Delegation to Portfolio Holders (Appendix 2), Cabinet (Housing) Committee and Head of Estates (Appendix 3), be approved.