

CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' DELEGATIONS 2017/18

The Leader of the Council has the power to amend this scheme at any time.

Any member of the Cabinet may refer any matter delegated to him or her to the Cabinet for a collective decision.

1. All Portfolio Holders may:

- Take urgent decisions that cannot reasonably be deferred until the next meeting of the Cabinet on any matter within the powers delegated to Cabinet and their portfolio, after written (including e-mail) consultation with the Leader (or Deputy if they are not available).
- Take any decision that may be necessary to implement a decision of the Cabinet.
- Agree the grant of licences for the use of land within their portfolio.
- Agree minor or consequential amendments to any Policy, Plan or Strategy within their portfolio.
- Take decisions relating to procurement and contractual matters as set out in the Financial Regulations and Procurement Policy and Standing Orders relating to contracts.
- Where appropriate, and working with the relevant officers, respond to national consultation specific to their Portfolio.
- Allocate specific grants relevant to their Portfolio.

2. The Leader (or Deputy Leader, in their absence) may:

- In the absence of any Portfolio Holder or at their request (in writing) or where a prejudicial interest has been declared take decisions on any matter delegated to that portfolio holder.
- Write off irrecoverable debts in line with Financial Regulations.
- Take decisions to sell/purchase/lease or otherwise deal with land where this would not constitute a Key Decision.

3. The Portfolio Holder for Resources may:

- Approve write-offs of irrecoverable debts (including Council Tax, national non-domestic rates, mortgage arrears and sundry debtor debts) to a value in line with Financial Regulations.
- Agree grants applications within budget.

4. The Portfolio Holder for Environment may:

- Set the level of hackney carriage and private hire fees within agreed budgetary policy.
- Set the table of hackney carriage fares.
- Name and number streets and buildings.

5. The Portfolio Holder for Housing may:

- Dispose of void properties which would cost greater than £10,000 to refurbish except where these fall, in an agreed regeneration area.
- Approve write-offs of irrecoverable housing rent debts to a value in line with Financial Regulations.
- Approve the annual Report to Tenants.
- Approve Housing Service Standards.

Note:

Portfolio Holder decisions must be supported by a written report from the relevant senior Officer(s). It is the Portfolio Holder's responsibility to consult and to seek advice from the Chief Executive, Chief Operating Officer, Monitoring Officer or Chief Finance Officer as appropriate before decisions are taken to ensure that they are intra vires. Portfolio Holders should also consult the relevant budget holding Head of Service before decisions are taken.