

<p>Cabinet</p> <p>27 February 2019</p>	 <p>TOWER HAMLETS</p>
<p>Report of: Neville Murton, Acting Corporate Director, Resources</p>	<p>Classification: Unrestricted</p>
<p>Corporate Directors' Decisions</p>	

Lead Member	Councillor Candida Ronald, Cabinet Member for Resources
Originating Officer(s)	Abdul Miah, Accountant - Financial Planning
Wards affected	All wards
Key Decision?	No
Strategic Plan Priority / Outcome	All

Executive Summary

This report sets out Corporate Directors' decisions under Financial Regulation B10 which stipulates that Corporate Director decisions be the subject of a noting report to Cabinet if they involve expenditure between £100,000 and £250,000.

Recommendations:

The Mayor in Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Note the Corporate Directors' decisions set out in Appendix 1.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 Financial Regulations require that regular reports be submitted to Cabinet setting out financial decisions taken under Financial Regulation B10.
- 1.2 The regular reporting of Corporate Directors' Decisions should assist in ensuring that Members are able to scrutinise officer decisions.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 The Council is bound by its Financial Regulations (which have been approved by Council) to report to Cabinet financial decisions taken under Financial Regulation B10.

- 2.2 If the Council were to deviate from those requirements, there would need to be a good reason for doing so. It is not considered that there is any such reason, having regard to the need to ensure that Members are kept informed about decisions made under the delegated authority threshold and to ensure that these decisions are in accordance with Financial Regulations.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

- 3.1 Financial Regulation B10 sets out the Cabinet Reporting Thresholds for the following financial transactions:

- Virements
- Capital Estimates
- Waiving Competition Requirements for Contracts and Orders (Subject to EU threshold)
- Capital Overspends
- Settlement Of Uninsured Claims

- 3.2 Under Financial Regulation B10, if the transaction involves a sum between £100,000 and £250,000 it can be authorised by the Corporate Director under the scheme of delegation but must also be the subject of a noting report to the next available Cabinet.

- 3.3 There have been fifteen Corporate Directors' Decisions with a value of between £100,000 and £250,000 since the last report. The total value of these decisions is £2,090,371 and further details on each decision are provided within Appendix 1.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This report is concerned with the notification of officers' decisions under Standing Orders and has no direct Equalities implications. To the extent that there are Equalities Considerations arising from the individual decisions, these would have been addressed in the records of each decision.

5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:

- Best Value Implications,
- Consultations,
- Environmental (including air quality),
- Risk Management,
- Crime Reduction,
- Safeguarding.

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6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

6.1 The comments of the Chief Financial Officer have been included on each individual decision. There are no further financial implications arising from this report.

7. LEGAL COMMENTS

7.1 The report sets out individual Corporate Directors' Decisions for noting by Cabinet, as required by the Constitution. Therefore, the nature of this report is to comply with the Constitution.

7.2 Internal guidelines have been published setting out the process by which Records of Corporate Directors' Decisions are completed. These specify that the proposed decision must be in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations and its Procurement Procedures.

7.3 The specific legal implications of each of these decisions has been considered and commented upon at the time each decision was made.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- None

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Corporate Directors' Decisions under Financial Regulation B10

Background Documents – Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

- None

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