

<b>COMMITTEE:</b> Cabinet	<b>DATE:</b> 11 June 2008	<b>CLASSIFICATION:</b> Unrestricted	<b>REPORT</b>	<b>AGENDA NO.</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b> Director of Resources		<b>TITLE:</b> Exercise of Corporate Directors' Discretions		
<b>ORIGINATING OFFICER(S):</b> Jim Ricketts Capital and Investments Manager		<b>Ward(s) affected:</b> ALL		

**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1. This report sets out the exercise of Corporate Directors' discretions under Financial Regulation B8 which stipulates that such actions be the subject of a noting report to Cabinet if they involve expenditure between £0.100 million and £0.250 million.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Cabinet is recommended to note the exercise of Corporate Directors' discretions as set out in Appendix 1.

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 (AS AMENDED) SECTION 100D  
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT**

Brief description of "background papers"

Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection

Directorate Submissions

David Lyon Ext. 4684  
Mulberry Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor.

### **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Council adopted the current set of Financial Regulations on 19 May 2004.
- 3.2 Regulation B8 sets out the Cabinet Reporting Thresholds for specific financial transactions.

### **4. FINANCIAL REGULATION B8**

- 4.1 Financial Regulation B8 sets out the reporting thresholds for the following financial transactions: -
  - Virements
  - Capital Estimates
  - Waiving Competition Requirements for Contracts and Orders (Subject to EEC Threshold)
  - Capital Overspends
  - Settlement Of Uninsured Claims
- 4.2 The Regulation stipulates that if the transaction involves a sum in excess of £0.250 million then Cabinet must make the decision.
- 4.3 If it involves a sum of £0.250 million or less Corporate Directors can authorise the transaction under the scheme of delegation.
- 4.4 If however the transaction involves a sum between £0.100 million and £0.250 million 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.
- 4.5 Appendix 1 sets out the exercises of Corporate Directors' discretions, under the stipulations in 4.4 above, that have taken place since the previous Cabinet.

### **5. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

- 5.1. The comments of the Director of Resources have been incorporated into the individual "Record of Corporate Directors' Actions" maintained by Directorates, which underpin the entries in Appendix 1.

### **6. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The risks associated with each of the Corporate Directors' discretions as set out in Appendix 1 would have been identified and evaluated as an integral part of the process, which lead to the decision.

### **7. CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL)**

- 7.1 The report sets out the individual exercises of Directors' Discretions as required by Financial Regulations.
- 7.2 The legal implications of each of the individual decisions would have been provided as part of the decision making process. These will be recorded on the "Record of Corporate Directors' Actions" maintained by Directorates.

**8. ANTI-POVERTY IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no specific anti poverty implications.

**9. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no equalities implications.

**10. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT**

10.1 There are no Sustainable Action for A Greener Environment implications.

**11. APPENDICES**

11.1 Appendix 1: Exercise of Corporate Directors' Discretions under Financial Regulation B8

**Appendix 1:** Exercise of Corporate Directors' Discretions under Financial Regulation B8

Corporate Director	Amount	Description of Exercise of Discretion	Justification for Action	Contact
Corporate Director Adults Health & Wellbeing	£141,275	<b>Waiving of competition requirements.</b> To continue to fund a service agreement with Princess Royal Trust for six months (£141,275) to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2008.	In line with Cabinet's endorsement at its meeting in January 2008, this extension to a service agreement will allow time for their comprehensive review as part of a wider review of commissioning arrangements being undertaken in 2008/09.	Frank O'Neill Finance Manager AHWB Ext.2106
Corporate Director Adults Health & Wellbeing	£115,121	<b>Waiving of competition requirements.</b> Award one year service agreement to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2009, to Providence Row Housing Association (Heather Lodge) for a high support rehabilitation project.	In line with Cabinet's endorsement at its meeting in January 2008, this extension to a service agreement will allow time for their comprehensive review as part of a wider review of commissioning arrangements being undertaken in 2008/09.	Frank O'Neill Finance Manager AHWB Ext.2106

Corporate Director Adults Health & Wellbeing	£158,686	<b>Waiving of competition requirements.</b> Award one year service agreement to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2009, to Look Ahead Housing & Care, for intensive housing support to people with mental health needs.	In line with Cabinet's endorsement at its meeting in January 2008, this extension to a service agreement will allow time for their comprehensive review as part of a wider review of commissioning arrangements being undertaken in 2008/09.	Frank O'Neill Finance Manager AHWB Ext.2106
Corporate Director Adults Health & Wellbeing	£234,321	<b>Waiving of competition requirements.</b> Award one year service agreement to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2009, to the Family Welfare Association for a Carers Connect project (support to carers of individuals with mental health needs) and a Building Bridges Project (support to children/young people where a parent suffers from significant mental ill health).	In line with Cabinet's endorsement at its meeting in January 2008, this extension to a service agreement will allow time for their comprehensive review as part of a wider review of commissioning arrangements being undertaken in 2008/09.	Frank O'Neill Finance Manager AHWB Ext.2106
Corporate Director Adults Health & Wellbeing	£227,741	<b>Waiving of competition requirements.</b> Award a nine month service agreement (£227,741) to 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2008 to Look Ahead Housing and Care for the Independent Community Support Scheme for people with mental health needs.	In line with Cabinet's endorsement at its meeting in January 2008, this extension to a service agreement will allow time for their comprehensive review as part of a wider review of commissioning arrangements	Frank O'Neill Finance Manager AHWB Ext.2106

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