

CYNGOR GWYNEDD CABINET



Report to a meeting of Cyngor Gwynedd Cabinet

Date of meeting:	13 June 2023
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn (Council Leader)
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Title of Item:	Amendments to the Constitution of the Delegation Scheme, Monitoring Officer's Report

1. THE DECISION SOUGHT

- 1.1 **To approve the amendments to Section 13 (3) of the Officers' Delegation Scheme Constitution shown in Appendix 1**

2. THE REASON FOR THE NEED FOR A DECISION

The advent of a range of new grant funds from various sources and scales have highlighted the need to update the delegated rights to ensure they are appropriate and suitable to support the efficient administration of applications.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Head of Economy and Regeneration has delegated powers to award grants across several areas. It is acknowledged that this section of the Constitution and the thresholds have been in existence for a considerable time and have not been reviewed. There are several reasons for this, and it is likely that there was no need to consider alternative arrangements as the arrangements to allocate and attribute grants either derived from European funds or that there was room and time to organise decisions on a case-by-case basis. What has become evident during the last few months is that a range of funds will come into effect with the Council having a central role to administer this funding. It is also obvious that these funds may lead to several applications that need to be processed and awarded within firm and comparatively short time-schedules, if the money is to be secured.
- 3.2 With this in mind and following discussion with the Chief Executive's Department and the Head of the Finance Department, I suggest that the amendments in Appendix 1 are made to the Delegation Scheme. These are matters that are within the Leader's

functions, however, as the Cabinet deals with establishing and putting arrangements in place for some of these grants it is appropriate that the Cabinet approves the amendments. A balance is struck in the proposed amendments between increasing the threshold to approve grants to £100,000 but it is possible to approve up to £250,000 only in consultation with the Cabinet Member. It is also noted that the right is regarding projects within Gwynedd,

In accordance with the Constitution, I will report on this amendment for information to the Full Council at its next meeting.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO RECOMMENDING THE DECISION

In accordance with the report

Views of the statutory officers:

The Monitoring Officer:

Author of the Report

Head of Finance Department:

The proposed amendments to the Constitution reflect the need to act with flexibility and agility in relation to the grants which the authority administers. As the report points out, this part of the Constitution has not been reviewed for some time, and it is timely to do so now.

I am satisfied that suitable and robust internal control arrangements are in place within the Council to mitigate the risks associated with the administration and approval of grant payments. I therefore have no objection to the decision sought from the perspective of financial propriety.”