

## Sheffield City Council

### Notice of Amendment of

### The Leader's Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions

*(Section 9E, Local Government Act 2000)*

1. The senior executive member ('the Leader') of Sheffield City Council ('the Council') gives notice that her Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions dated 13 November 2014 ('the Scheme') (as amended) is hereby further amended as set out in the Schedule of Amendments below, and that from the coming into force of this Notice the Scheme shall be read and construed as varied by the provisions set out below.
2. These amendments to the Scheme are to come into operation immediately upon receipt of this Notice by the Monitoring Officer or the Deputy Monitoring Officer.

### Schedule of Amendments

In Schedule 2 the words:-

"3.2 Subject to paragraph 3.1 above the following matters are reserved for decision by the Cabinet:-

(a) Making any decision in relation to grant aid which the Leader identifies as being of strategic importance;

(b) Agreeing to establish a fund (not being a fund wholly established with external grant aid for which the Council is the Accountable Body and which is received for this purpose) in excess of £250,000 from which individual grants or loans will be paid and agreeing the eligibility criteria for these grants or loans;

(c) Subject to paragraph 9.2 of Schedule 6, approving the payment of any grant or loan in excess of £150,000 (including a grant or holly or in part by the Council out of external grant aid);

(d) Approving the withdrawal or reclaiming of grant aid which has been awarded to a third party where the amount of grant aid to be withdrawn or reclaimed is in excess of £75,000;

(e) Agreeing to the Council becoming the Accountable Body for any award of grant aid from an external funder to the Council or to a third party where:-

(i) the grant aid to be received by the Council is anticipated to

be in excess of £1,500,000; or  
(ii) the grant aid to be received by the third party is anticipated to be in excess of £150,000;

(f) Agreeing to the Council guaranteeing the liabilities of a third party where the financial exposure of the Council under the guarantee is or may be in excess of £150,000."

are deleted and replaced by the words:-

3.2 "Subject to paragraph 3.1 above the following matters are reserved for decision by the Cabinet:-

(a) Making any decision in relation to grant aid which the Leader identifies as being of strategic importance;

(b) Agreeing to establish a fund (not being a fund wholly established with external grant aid for which the Council is the Accountable Body and which is received for this purpose) in excess of £250,000 from which individual grants or loans will be paid and agreeing the eligibility criteria for these grants or loans;

(c) Approving the withdrawal or reclaiming of grant aid which has been awarded to a third party where the amount of grant aid to be withdrawn or reclaimed is in excess of £75,000."

In Schedule 3 the words:-

"3.2.2. Subject to paragraph 3.1 above the following matters are reserved for decision by an individual Cabinet member:-

(a) Agreeing to establish a fund (not being a fund wholly established with external grant aid for which the Council is the Accountable Body and which is received for this purpose) in excess of £100,000 (but not in excess of £250,000) from which individual grants or loans will be paid and agreeing the eligibility criteria for these grants or loans;

(b) Subject to paragraph 9.2 of Schedule 6, approving the payment of any grant or loan in excess of £50,000 (but not in excess of £150,000) (including a grant or loan paid wholly or in part by the Council out of external grant aid);

(c) Approving the withdrawal or reclaiming of grant aid which has been awarded to a third party where the amount of grant aid to be withdrawn or reclaimed is in excess of £25,000 (but not in excess of £75,000);

(d) Agreeing to the Council becoming the Accountable Body for any

award of grant aid from an external funder to the Council or to a third party where:-

(i) the grant aid to be received by the Council is anticipated to be in excess of £750,000 (but not in excess of £1,500,000);

or

(ii) the grant aid to be received by the third party is anticipated to be in excess of £50,000 (but not in excess of £150,000);

(e) Agreeing to the Council guaranteeing the liabilities of a third party where the financial exposure of the Council under the guarantee is or may be in excess of £50,000 (but not in excess of £150,000)."

are deleted and replaced by the words;-

3.2.2 Subject to paragraph 3.1 above the following matters are reserved for decision by an individual Cabinet member:-

(a) Agreeing to establish a fund (not being a fund wholly established with external grant aid for which the Council is the Accountable Body and which is received for this purpose) in excess of £100,000 (but not in excess of £250,000) from which individual grants or loans will be paid and agreeing the eligibility criteria for these grants or loans;

(b) Subject to paragraph 9.2 of Schedule 6, approving the payment of any grant or loan in excess of £50,000 (including a grant or loan paid wholly or in part by the Council out of external grant aid);

(c) Approving the withdrawal or reclaiming of grant aid which has been awarded to a third party where the amount of grant aid to be withdrawn or reclaimed is in excess of £25,000 (but not in excess of £75,000);

(d) Agreeing to the Council becoming the Accountable Body for any award of grant aid from an external funder to the Council or to a third party where:-

(i) the grant aid to be received by the Council is anticipated to be in excess of £750,000;

or

(ii) the grant aid to be received by the third party is anticipated to be in excess of £50,000;

(e) Agreeing to the Council guaranteeing the liabilities of a third party where the financial exposure of the Council under the guarantee is or may be in excess of £50,000.

Reasons for Amendment

Currently, depending on grant value or value of risk, decisions relating to the Council making payment of grants, acting as accountable body in respect of a grant and agreeing to guarantee the liabilities of third parties, are reserved to Cabinet. Most grants that fund initiatives and programmes either run or supported by the Council, relate to individual portfolios. The Cabinet member for the relevant portfolio is therefore best placed to make the grant decision, where it is not reserved to Executive Directors or Directors. Therefore it was decided, to enable more focused and effective decision making, that the decisions referred to above, currently reserved to Cabinet, be the responsibility of the relevant individual Cabinet member. The effect of the above amendments to the Scheme is that, apart from where the Leader has identified the grant aid decision as being of strategic importance, these decisions are no longer required to be made by Cabinet. The relevant individual Cabinet member will be required to make these decisions unless they are reserved to the relevant Executive Director or Director.

Signed:

**Cllr Julie Dore, The Leader (Senior Executive Member)**

Date: 23 May 2016

Received by the Monitoring Officer / Deputy Monitoring Officer:-

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**Monitoring Officer / Deputy Monitoring Officer**

Date:

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