

**Agenda item 6 – Questions from Councillors**

**Councillor Question**

**From: Councillor Liz Harvey**

The Governance Statement reports that a 5x increase has been made in the financial threshold above which the record of officer decisions (RoOD) are made public. This increases the minimum from £50,000 to £250,000.

I have asked the Leader and Officers upon whose authority this change has been agreed, and under what powers officers have made this change. I have been advised that no decision was taken by any cabinet member and that officers consider this decision to be 'technical' and are relying upon the delegation given at Annual Council in 2022 for them to make minor technical changes (formatting, spelling, legal) to the constitution.

This is not a technical change. It reduces the transparency of the operation of this council and I request that the committee consider whether this decision has been properly taken and whether this change has been properly made.

**Response to Councillor Question**

Thank you for your question. As you know this has been discussed over recent days. It has been agreed following those discussions that the financial threshold for the record of officer decisions will continue as £50k. If going forward this needs to be increased then officers will bring a paper to Audit and Governance for our consideration. Thank you once again for raising this issue.