

Title of meeting:	Governance and Audit and Standards Committee Full Council
Date of meeting:	1 February 2019 - Governance and Audit and Standards Committee 12 February 2019 - Full Council
Subject:	Delegated Authority to City Solicitor to settle claims on behalf of the Council
Report by:	City Solicitor
Wards affected:	N/A
Key decision:	No
Full Council decision:	Yes

1. Purpose of report

To ask Members to consider proposed changes to the delegated authority granted to the City Solicitor to settle claims on behalf of the Council, as set out in the Constitution, Part 2 Responsibility for Functions, Delegation to Directors, delegation to City Solicitor.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that members consider the proposed amendments set out in the report.
- 2.2. Members are asked to:
 - 2.2.1. Recommend adoption by Full Council on 12 February 2019 to approve the proposed increase to the delegated authority granted to the City Solicitor to £75,000 to settle claims on behalf of the Council; and
 - 2.2.2. Agree that if approved by Full Council, the City Solicitor may make the appropriate amendments to the Delegation to Directors in the Constitution.

3. Background

- 3.1. The present limit to the delegated authority granted to the City Solicitor to settle claims on behalf of the Council is £50,000.
- 3.2. The City Solicitor requests a nominal increase to £75,000 for the reasons set out in paragraph 4 below.

4. Reasons for recommendations

- 4.1. There has been a recent increase in the excess limit from £50,000 to £75,000 therefore it would be prudent to increase the City Solicitor's authority to settle claims in line with this increase.
- 4.2. There has been recent occasion to seek specific authority under Standing Order 58 due to the current limit on the City Solicitor's delegated authority. Revising the limit to the delegated authority will avoid the need to invoke Standing Order 58 and therefore assist with the smooth running of the Council.

5. Equality impact assessment

The contents of this report do not have any relevant equalities impact and therefore an equalities assessment is not required.

6. Legal implications

The City Solicitor's comments are included in this report.

7. Director of Finance's comments

There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations set out in this report.

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Signed by:

Appendices: Nil

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/
rejected by on

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