

PART 5

Protocol on Key decisions

References: Chapter 7, DTLR Guidance

Regulations made under section 22, Local Government Act 2000

A key decision means an executive decision which is likely

- (a) to result in the local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the local authority's budget for the services or function to which the decision relates (for these purposes, "significant" means 25% or more of the budget for the services or functions concerned); or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the local authority; or
- (c) to relate to a service which the Council provides or supports that has a particularly significant impact on any community experiencing social exclusion or discrimination, whether that community is defined by geography or interest and even if that community is only located in one ward in the district.

A decision taker may only make a key decision in accordance with the requirements of the Cabinet Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.