

What is a key decision?

Article 14 of the [Council's constitution](#) defines a key decision as a decision that is likely to:

- (i) result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant (in excess of £250,000 or 10% of the budget allocated to that particular service); or
- (ii) be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more Wards in the Council's area;

14.3.3 and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, **in determining whether resulting expenditure, savings or effects of a decision are significant, regard shall be had to the following principles:**

- (i) expenditure under a contract of a value (determined in accordance with Procedure Rule 8 - Contract) of more than £250,000 should be regarded as significant;
- (ii) the making of savings in the costs of the provision of a service representing 10% of the budget allocated to that particular service is to be regarded as significant;
- (iii) major land disposals and acquisitions of a value of more than £250,000, to which Contract Procedure Rules apply, are significant;
- (iv) decisions involving the compulsory acquisition of any land should be treated as Key Decisions;
- (v) decisions involving the recommendation to the full Council of changes to the Budget and Policy Frameworks are to be regarded as Key Decisions; and
- (vi) decisions resulting in a major impact on a locality in the Council's area shall be treated as significant, even though they affect only one Ward.

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