

**Executive Committee – 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023**  
**Item 6: Approvals to Spend Report**

At its meeting on 24/07/2023, the Budget Scrutiny Working Group made a number of comments and suggestions with regards to the Approval to Spend report (key decision threshold and procurement) for consideration by the Executive Committee. These are stated below:

1. Increasing thresholds. In principle, given inflation is galloping away there is a need for some increase in key decision financial threshold but increase from £50k to £200K feels high.
2. Localism. Supporting local suppliers is important but the best way to do that is allocate extra points for local factors during an open and transparent procurement process.
3. There is a difference on reporting single year and multi year contracts. Perhaps there should be a consideration of a flexible reporting scale for one and multi year contracts. It is suggested that reporting thresholds for ACV be raised to £60K. For multi year contracts up to a threshold of £180K when receiving a change in controls.
4. Any annual contact coming up for extension that is NOT on a procurement framework gets scrutinised by Councillors.