
**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Council – 9 October 2013

Subject: Urgent Key Decisions

Report of: The City Solicitor

Purpose of report

To report those key decisions that have been taken in accordance with the urgency provisions in the Council's Constitution.

Recommendations

To note the report.

Wards affected

All

Financial consequences for Revenue Budget None

Financial consequences for Capital Budget None

Implications for:

Antipoverty
No.

Equal Opportunities
No

Environment
No

Employment
No

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Background documents:

File of key decisions held in Room 405, Town Hall.

1. Background

1.1 The Constitution (Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules) establishes a procedure for dealing with key decisions where action needs to be taken immediately for reasons of urgency, and is therefore not subject to the normal call-in arrangements.

1.2 The procedures provide that the chair of the appropriate overview and scrutiny committee must agree that both the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances, and to it being treated as a matter of urgency.

1.3 Such decisions are to be reported to the Council, and since the last ordinary meeting of the Council the following key decisions have been dealt with in this way.

Date	Subject	Reason for urgency	Decision Taken by	Approved by
22 July 2013	Termination of Development Agreement and transfer of land – Manchester Business Park	To avoid delay of completion of transaction and commencement of infrastructure project	Chief Executive	Councillor Flanagan
24 July 2013	Regeneration of the former ITV site - Quay Street and Water Street, Manchester	This matter is commercially sensitive and any delay caused by the call-in process, would seriously prejudice the legal or financial position of the Council or the interests of the residents of Manchester	Executive	Councillor Flanagan
5 September 2013	To approve capital expenditure of £1,235,000 to City Lightways	To enable the contract to be delivered by the tender terms	City Treasurer	Councillor Flanagan
25 September 2013	The transfer of £15 million credit balance from the Council's Housing Revenue Account unallocated general reserves to the Council's unallocated General Fund reserves and authorisation for the City Treasurer to effect this transfer in the Council's 2012/13 Accounts.	Schedule 4, Part III, paragraph 2 of the Local Government Housing Act 1989 which allows for the transfer of balances from the HRA to other Council reserves will be amended from 1 st October 2013 for Local Authorities in England and therefore any transfer of balances must take place on, or prior to, 30 th September 2013.	Leader of the Council	Councillor Flanagan