
**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Council – 30 July 2014

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	Equal Opportunities	Environment	Employment
No.	No	No	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 states that the chair of the appropriate 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
10 April 2014	<p>To enter into a development joint venture with Greater Manchester Pension Fund to establish 'Matrix Homes'</p> <p>This includes the transfer Council owned land at Woodwise Lane, Darley Avenue, Ossington Court and Clowes Street plus procure the transfer of land owned by Homes and Communities Agency at Gorton Monastery. The value of the land will be converted into technical loan by the Council to the Joint Venture and the Council will secure investment returns against that loan, as well as a share of development surpluses.</p>	Urgency due to the requirement to enter the Joint Venture with Greater Manchester Pension Fund and enable the programmed start on site.	City Treasurer	Councillor Flanagan
24 June 2014	To enter into collaborative arrangements to stimulate and sustain residential growth in the City and to agree the relevant land transactions and investment and delivery proposals.	Discussions with partners and proposals for collaboration and investment have only been agreed very recently	The Executive	Lord Mayor
1 July 2014	To dispose owned land	A number of time critical legal agreements	Chief Executive	Lord Mayor

	<p>assets at West Gorton to Keepmoat Homes to enable as a minimum 400 units of residential development, in three phases to be developed. Lands to transfer at Market value.</p> <p>The terms of the proposed deal are consistent with the Executive report on 18 June 2014.</p>	<p>are required to simultaneously complete to enable construction to start.</p>		
3 July 2014	<p>To award a contract to the Eastlands Trust.</p>	<p>To maintain continuity of the existing service provision and to ensure that the Eastlands Trust has sufficient resources to operate the facilities, the Council have a services contract with the Eastlands Trust for a 3 (three) year period commencing immediately. The Council and the Trust may also extend this agreement for a further period of 2 (two) years beyond 31 March 2013, subject to an agreement between the parties.</p> <p>The decision was urgent as any delay would impact on both the financial trading and cash flow of the Trust, resulting in unpaid invoices and payments for staff salaries.</p>	<p>City Treasurer in consultation with the City Solicitor and the Head of Community and Cultural Services</p>	<p>Lord Mayor</p>