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**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Council – 4 February 2015

**Subject:** Urgent Key Decisions

**Report of:** The City Solicitor

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**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.

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**Wards affected**

All

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**Financial consequences for Revenue Budget** None

**Financial consequences for Capital Budget** None

**Implications for:**

<b>Antipoverty</b>	<b>Equal Opportunities</b>	<b>Environment</b>	<b>Employment</b>
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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Reason for urgency</b>	<b>Decision Taken by</b>	<b>Approved by</b>
17 December 2015	Acquisition of land within Ancoats	Urban Splash requires the transaction to take place by 23 December 2014 after which they will take the site to market.	City Treasurer in conjunction with the Strategic Director (Strategic Development)	Councillor Ollerhead – Chair of Finance Scrutiny
15 January 2015	Setting the Council Tax Base	Because the calculation uses information available to November. The calculation must be finalised during December and there is a requirement to notify the precepting authorities by 15 January 2015.	City Treasurer	Councillor Ollerhead – Chair of Finance Scrutiny
15 January 2015	Determine the Collection Fund 2014-15 year-end surplus or deficit.	Because the calculation uses information available to November. The calculation must be finalised during December and there is a requirement to notify the precepting authorities by 15 January 2015.	City Treasurer	Councillor Ollerhead – Chair of Finance Scrutiny
15 January 2015	To decide whether Manchester Council should be part of a pooling arrangement with the Greater Manchester Councils and Cheshire East Council in 2015/6	Due to the requirement to make a decision on whether Manchester City Council wishes to be part of the pool within 28 days of the provisional Local Government Financial Settlement (announced 18 December)	City Treasurer	Councillor Ollerhead – Chair of Finance Scrutiny