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**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Council – 13 July 2016  
**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.

**Recommendation**

To note the report.

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**Wards affected:** All

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**Financial consequences for Revenue and Capital Budgets**

None

**Implications for:**

**Antipoverty**  
No

**Equal Opportunities**  
No

**Environment**  
No

**Employment**  
No

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**Background documents:**

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy please contact one of the contact officers above.

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.

## 2. Urgent Key Decisions taken since the last meeting of Council

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Reason for urgency</b>	<b>Decision Taken by</b>	<b>Approved by</b>
24 March 2016	Heaton Park _ Tree Top Adventure	Design and build would take at least a year and needs to be started with certain ecology studies that can only take place in the spring, mating season. Delay would jeopardise opening at Easter 2017, the busiest time of the year and therefore delay contribution to Heaton Park budget and ability to hit target income for another year.	City Treasurer/Chief Executive	Councillor Ollerhead – Chair of Finance Scrutiny Committee
24 March 2016	Acquisition of wheeled bins	Due to the lead times quoted in the tender process for the supply of the assets it is necessary for the order to be placed immediately. This will secure production and delivery within the required timescales. Delay will jeopardise the achievement of planned savings in 2016/17 from waste disposal costs	City Treasurer	Councillor Ollerhead – Chair of Finance Scrutiny Committee
24 March 2016	New Elms Road	Commercial urgency to meet financial deadlines	Strategic Director (Strategic Development) City Treasurer	Councillor Ollerhead – Chair of Finance Scrutiny Committee
6 May 2016	Costs arising from the Town Hall Survey	Due to Health and Safety considerations staff are required to be decanted from part of the Town Hall and the area secured. There are also further minor costs in respect of the current phase of the Town Hall feasibility study.	Chief Executive	Councillor Ollerhead – Chair of Finance Scrutiny Committee