
**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Council – 21 March 2018
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.

Recommendation

To note the report.

Wards affected: All

Financial consequences for the Revenue budget

None

Financial consequences for the Capital Budget

None

Implications for:

Antipoverty
No

Equal Opportunities
No

Environment
No

Employment
No

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Background documents:

None.

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

2.1 Urgent key decisions requiring exemption from the call in procedure are set out below.

Date	Subject	Reason for urgency	Decision Taken by	Approved by
16 January 2018	Capital expenditure approval for civil works on Heaton Park car park.	The decision was published in the Register of key Decision on 13 December 2018. 28 days following this date would have allowed a decision to be made on 11 January 2018. Due to there being no framework in place for the civil works the procurement of the contractor went through Bolton's Framework and this caused delays to the programme. Completion was required prior to Easter to minimise disruption to Park operations and to enable the forthcoming events programme. Further delay would have increased the risk of the Scheme not being delivered within agreed timescales.	City Treasurer	Councillor Ollerhead - Chair of Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee
31 January 2018	Setting the Council Tax Base	The calculation of the estimated Council Tax Base is finalised during January to support the key decision the key decision required. Due to the requirement to notify precepting authorities by 31 January it is requested the decision is exempt from call in. Following a report to Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee on 7 December 2017 the chair of the committee has agreed to exempt this decision from call in.	City Treasurer	Councillor Ollerhead - Chair of Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee

31 January 2018	Setting the Council Tax Balance	The calculation of the estimated surplus or deficit is finalised during December to support the key decision required. Due to the requirement to notify precepting authorities by 15 January 2018 it is requested the decision is exempt from call in. Following a report to Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee on 7 December 2017 the chair of the committee has agreed to exempt this decision from call in.	City Treasurer	Councillor Ollerhead - Chair of Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee
21 March 2018	Settled Accommodation for Homeless Families	It would be harmful to the interests of the city and the City Council if the matter was delayed.	Director of Housing and Residential Growth	Councillor Ollerhead - Chair of Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee
21 March 2018	Health and Social Care Joint Budget Agreement	It would be harmful to the interests of the city and the City Council if the matter was delayed.	Director of Adult Social Services	Councillor Farrell - Chair of Health Scrutiny Committee