Key Decision



Urgent Key Decision

Request to a Scrutiny Chair that an Urgent Key Decision be made without being published in the Forward Plan, and/or that the Key Decision be exempt from Call-In for Scrutiny

Decision maker	Executive Director of Adult Social Services		
What is the decision?	To approve financial measures targeted to support the care market through the Covid-19 Emergency Period.		
	 One-off financial support to residential care providers set at £50 per week per package for 12 weeks, payable in advance, based on a client count snap shot as at 30th April 2020 (estimated cost £0.381m). This will be paid under existing contractual arrangements with framework providers. 		
	 Approval to engage residential care providers to block-book available bed capacity to 31st July 2020. Up to 41 beds (estimated cost £0.399m). This will be progressed in accordance with the City Council's contract rules. 		
	 Approval to engage nursing care providers to block-book available bed capacity to 31st July 2020. Up to 50 beds (estimated cost £0.760m). This will be progressed in accordance with the contract rules of the Council or Manchester Clinical Commissioning Group as appropriate. 		
	Funding is through the Manchester Health and Care Commissioning Pooled Budget – Covid-19 Financial Plan, with transfers into the Pooled Budget as follows: Item 1 the City Council funding contribution (£0.381m) and Items 2 and 3 the CCG funding contribution (£1.159m).		
	The measures will help to maintain and support the financial position of Providers in the Manchester care market who are critical partners to the Covid-19 response for Manchester people.		
Non-confidential reports Can be made available to the public	None		
Confidential reports Containing confidential or exempt information	Reports to MHCC Finance Committee 23 rd April 2020: Covid19 Summary Finance Note Exceptional Support to Commissioned Markets Community Capacity Payments		

Reason for confidentiality	The confidential contain information which is exempt from disclosure under Paragraph 10 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules. Rule 10.4(a) Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). Information within paragraph 3 is not exempt information if it is required to be registered under- (a) the Companies Acts (as defined in section 2 of the Companies Act 2006); (b) the Friendly Societies Act 1974; (c) the Friendly Societies Act 1992; (d) the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014; (e) the Building Societies Act 1986;or (f) the Charities Act 2011. Subject to the above, Information within paragraph 3 is exempt information if and so long, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in			
	disclosing the information.			
Intended date of decision	30 April 2	2020		
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Has the decision been published in the Register of Key Decisions?	No			
Reasons for special urgency such that this cannot be published in the Register of Key Decisions	The Access to Information Procedure Rules state that Special Urgency (Rule 18) can apply where 5 clear days' notice cannot be given. Where the date by which a key decision must be made makes compliance with Rule 17 (General Exception) impracticable then the decision may only be made where the decision-maker has obtained agreement from: • the Chair of the relevant scrutiny committee; or • if there is no such person, or if the chair is unable to act, the Lord Mayor; or • where there is no chair of the relevant scrutiny committee or Lord Mayor, the Deputy Lord Mayor that the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred. In this instance, the Covid-19 response and associated financial plan is being progressed under Emergency			

	planning arrangements and it is impracticable to give five clear days' notice. As soon as is reasonably practicable the decision-maker shall publish notice setting out the reasons that the making of this decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.		
Is exemption from call-in for scrutiny needed?	Yes. Rule 14 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules allows urgent decisions to be exempt from "call-in" before they are made on the grounds that the delay before the matter could be looked at by the committee would seriously prejudice the legal or financial position of the City Council or the interests of the residents of Manchester.		
Advice as to how any delay will seriously prejudice the legal or financial position of the Council	The Covid-19 response and associated financial plan is being progressed under Emergency planning arrangements, it is imperative that support measures are implemented as soon as possible so the Council can support the care market.		
Scrutiny Chair who has agreed the decision is reasonable and urgent	Name	Councillor Sarah Russell Chair of Resource and Governance Scrutiny	
	Signed	Signature redacted for online publication	
	Date	29 April 2020	
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