

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Council – 3 February 2021

Subject: Urgent Key Decisions

Report of: 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.
- 2.** Such decisions are to be reported to the Council.

3. Urgent Key Decisions taken since the last meeting of Council

3.1 A list of key decisions requiring exemption from the call in procedure that have been taken since the last meeting of Council is listed below.

Date	Subject	Reason for urgency	Decision Taken by	Approved by
2 December 2020	COVID winter grants for food provision	<p>The Council were only formally notified of the grant allocation on 10/11/20 and full guidance on this was published on 25/11/20. An urgent decision is required due to the tight timescales to meet the ambition of providing support over Christmas break for c41,000 children and young people who would normally access food at school/setting or college during term time. This will involve the commissioning and procurement of a significant number of food vouchers from key supermarkets to provide a reach across the city. The timescale from procurement to distribution which will be via schools is exceptionally tight in order to reach vulnerable families by end of school term (18/12/20).</p> <p>A delay will compromise the Council's legal position by not meeting the expectations in the grant conditions and not support vulnerable families. This may lead to a surplus which would be returned to central government</p>	The Executive	Cllr Stone (Chair of Children and Young Peoples Scrutiny Committee)
22 January 2021	Determine the Council Tax element of the estimated Collection Fund	The calculation of the estimated surplus or deficit uses the most up to date information (i.e. end of December 2020) which is not available until the end of the first week in January. Due to the statutory requirement to notify precepting authorities in January 2021 it is	Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer	Cllr Russell (Chair of Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee)

	2020/21 year-end surplus or deficit	requested the decision is exempt from call in. Following a report to Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee on 1 December 2020 the Chair of the committee has agreed to exempt this decision from call in		
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