

Key Decision



MANCHESTER
CITY COUNCIL

Urgent Key Decision

Request to a scrutiny chair that an urgent key decision be made without being published in the Register of Key Decisions, and/or that key decision be exempt from call in for scrutiny.

Decision maker	Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer
What is the decision?	Award of a contract for Mobile Voice and Data Services (mobile telephones and sim cards for tablets and laptops)
List Non-confidential reports Reports to be considered that can be made available to the public	None
List Confidential reports Reports to be considered which contain confidential or exempt information	Contract award report
Reason for confidentiality	Report includes information which to supplier has indicated is considered commercially sensitive
Intended date of decision	31 March 2021
Officer contact details For any further information	Peter Schofield Head of Integrated Commissioning and Procurement 07971 384535 peter.schofield@manchester.gov.uk
Has the decision been published in the Register of Key Decisions?	No
Reasons for special urgency Explain why it cannot be published in the Register of Key Decisions with 28 days notice.	<p>Due to an oversight, the key decision was not placed on the forward plan. Any delay to entering into the new contract will mean remaining on the disadvantageous data charging arrangements included in the old contract.</p> <p>The previous contract expired in September 2020 and was based on predominately office based working across the authority. As working practices have changed due to CV-19, complex modelling of scenarios and negotiations with the supplier have been necessary with the provider to agree contractual terms that reflect the current and anticipated future flexible working model.</p> <p>It has also been necessary to use a different procurement framework for the new contract.</p> <p>The pricing model for the new contact involves a shared data pool across all devices whereas the previous model was a specific data allowance per sim card – much of which could go unused or incur higher charges if the</p>

	<p>allowance was exceeded.</p> <p>The new model therefore significantly reduces costs because we will no longer be charged for unused data and will avoid punitive charges when users occasionally exceed their data allowance.</p>	
Is exemption from call-in for scrutiny needed?	Yes	
Explain how any delay will seriously prejudice the legal or financial position of the Council	A delay in approving the award of this contract will prejudicially affect the council's financial position because the new agreement provides savings estimated at £50k per month. Additional costs of £50k will therefore be incurred unless the new contract is signed by 8 th April.	
Scrutiny Chair who has agreed the decision is reasonable and urgent	Name	Cllr. Sarah Russell (Chair of Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee)
	Signed	Signature redacted for publication purposes
	Date	31 March 2021
Request prepared by:	Peter Schofield – Head of Integrated Commissioning and Procurement	