

Key Decision



MANCHESTER
CITY COUNCIL

Urgent Key Decision / Decision Outside the Policy or Budget Framework

Request to a scrutiny chair that an urgent key decision be made that is outside the approved budget or policy framework, and also without it being published in the Register of Key Decisions, and/or that key decision be exempt from call in for scrutiny.

Decision maker	Director of Highways
What is the decision?	<p>To establish a capital budget of £1m to investigate four road collapses across the City and deliver remedial works to make the sites safe and reinstate the highway where the Council has a liability. The locations are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Woodlands Road• Hartington Drive• Slack Road• Walmer Street <p>Liability has been passed to MCC for two of the sites. The request for urgency across all sites is to create a funding mechanism should liability fall to the Council due to the urgent nature of these works.</p>
Advice on a decision outside the Policy or Budget Framework provided by:	The Chief Finance Officer
The advice on why the legal or financial position of the Council or the interests of the Council and/or the residents of Manchester would be prejudiced if the matter is not determined before the next scheduled Council meeting where it could be considered.	<p>All four road collapse sites have caused damage to the highway and nearby properties. The budget requested will enable investigatory and remedial works at all road collapses where liability is identified as with MCC. Where liability can be established with United Utilities, this will be recovered.</p> <p>Following the key decision process may delay repairs to collapses or prevent repairs from progressing which presents a health and safety risk while creating potential damage or further damage to homes and the highway</p>

List Non-confidential reports Reports to be considered that can be made available to the public	Briefing note to the Strategic Capital Board	
List Confidential reports Reports to be considered which contain confidential or exempt information	N/A	
Reason for confidentiality	N/A	
Intended date of decision	Week commencing 26 April 2021	
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Register of Key Decisions		
Has the decision been published in the Register of Key Decisions?	No	
Reasons for special urgency , why it cannot be published in the Register of Key Decisions with 28 days notice.	Potential delay to making repairs to the collapses and associated health and safety risks as well as damage to homes and the highway	
Scrutiny Call-In		
Is exemption from call-in for scrutiny needed?	Yes	
Explain how any delay will seriously prejudice the legal or financial position of the Council so the decision should be exempt from call-in	Potential delay to works and associated health and safety risks as well as ongoing damage to property and the highway	
Approval Granted		
Scrutiny Chair who has agreed the decision is reasonable and urgent	Name	Sarah Russell (Chair of Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee)
	Signed	Signature redacted for publication purposes
	Date	30.04.21
Request prepared by:	Steve Robinson (Director of Highways)	