

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 appoint Bethells 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 contractor has been working with United Utilities at all locations so has already established a site and has working knowledge of the issues. The locations are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Woodlands Road• Hartington Drive• Slack Road• Walmer Street
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>This decision would appoint United Utilities contractors who have been investigating issues across the sites to undertake further assessments and remedial works to prevent damage to residents' homes and further damage to the highway. As they are already onsite, there is a continuity benefit to engaging the contractor including expertise and understanding of the issues across all sites. Once the reason for the collapses are identified substantial repairs will be required to make the sites safe and enable the reinstatement of the highway. 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
	Signed	Signature redacted for publication purposes
	Date	29 April 2021
Request prepared by:	Steve Robinson (Director of Highways)	