

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Council – 1 December 2021

Subject: Urgent Key Decisions

Report of: The 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
6 October 2021	Release of Free School Meal Funding (£0.600m) for October 2021 half term	Funds need to be allocated to schools urgently in order for vouchers to be distributed to parents before the October half term.	Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer	Cllr Reid (Chair: Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee)
17 November 2021	Household Support Fund – the release of funding to schools for Free School Meals (£1.7M) and households in receipt of Council Tax Support (4.173M)	Any delay would compromise the Council's 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.	The Executive	Cllr Russell (Chair: Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee)
	Road Collapse funding (£2,104,00) to implement traffic regulation orders and appoint the current contractor and to undertake works on road collapses across three sites in the	<p>The road collapse sites caused damage to the highway and nearby properties. The budget requested enabled remedial works and reinstatement at all road collapses where liability is identified as with the Council.</p> <p>Following the usual key decision process would 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>	Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer	Cllr Russell (Chair: Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee)

	City where the Council has a liability			
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