

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Council – 30 March 2022

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
01 February 2022	Determination of the Business Rates element of the estimated Collection Fund 2021/22 year-end surplus or deficit	The calculation of the estimated surplus or deficit is finalised using the latest data available during January to support the key decision. Due to the statutory requirement to notify precepting authorities by 31 January 2022 it was requested the decision was exempted from call in.	Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer	Councillor Sarah Russell Chair of Resource and Governance Scrutiny Committee
01 February 2022	The calculation of the Council's Business Rates income.	The calculation uses information from the Business Rates system to support the key decision. This is available mid to late January. Due to the statutory requirement to notify Central Government and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (for the Fire and Rescue Service) by 31 January 2022 it was requested the decision was exempted from call in.	Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer	Councillor Sarah Russell Chair of Resource and Governance Scrutiny Committee
01 February 2022	The Setting of the Council Tax base.	The calculation of the estimated Council Tax Base is finalised during January to support the key decision required. Due to the requirement to notify precepting authorities by 31 January it is requested the decision is exempt from call in.	Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer	Councillor Sarah Russell Chair of Resource and Governance Scrutiny Committee
18 March	Establishment of a flexible contract for	The council's current contract with Gazprom Energy expires on 31 March and it needs to urgently enter into a	Deputy Chief Executive and	Councillor Sarah Russell

	the supply of gas TC473.	flexible framework in order to ensure a new contract with Corona Energy can start from 1 April. Any later and the lead in times involved would mean that the council would enter into out-of-contract prices with Gazprom, which are typically double the prevailing contract rates.	City Treasurer	Chair of Resource and Governance Scrutiny Committee
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