

**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Council – 13 July 2022

**Subject:** Urgent Key Decisions

**Report of:** The City Solicitor

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**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.

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**Wards affected:** All

<b>Environmental Impact Assessment</b> - the impact of the decisions proposed in this report on achieving the zero-carbon target for the city
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N/A
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Our Manchester Strategy outcomes	Contribution to the strategy
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	N/A
A highly skilled city: world class and home-grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	N/A
A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	N/A

A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work	N/A
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	N/A

**Full details are in the body of the report, along with any implications for**

- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Risk Management
- Legal Considerations

**Financial consequences for the Revenue budget:**

None

**Financial consequences for the Capital Budget:**

None

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**Background documents:**

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy, please contact one of the contact officers above.

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
19 May 2022	Delivery of Extended Household Support Fund	<p>The Council was expected to deliver a substantial amount of the fund in May and June 2022 to support the residents of Manchester.</p> <p>The aim was to issue £600,000 to schools in the city to provide targeted financial support to families entitled to FSM over the May half-term holiday period. Also to issue circa 50,000 payments of either £50 or £160 to households in the city in receipt of CTS. This amounts to £4.450m. Any delay would have meant that payments would not be received until after June and later in the summer. The Council was keen to get the money out asap to provide some assurance to households to support their budgets</p>	The Executive Leader	Cllr Simcock (Chair of Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee)
20 June 2022	Procurement of additional services and licenses from Trustmarque including the approval of increased expenditure with Trustmarque for these additional Microsoft products.	Any delay in procuring those services in this essential area could have had a devastating impact resulting the Council being unable to provide a defensible position against multiple forms of Cyber Attack.	The Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer	Cllr Simcock (Chair of Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee)