

Decision taken

Made by an Executive Member or Chief Officer



MANCHESTER
CITY COUNCIL

Notice of Decision Made

Decision maker	Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer
Date of decision	13 March 2023
What is the decision?	Approval of delivery of Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding programme, spending an initial allocation of up to £2.3m government fund to support Manchester households who do not directly contract with a domestic electricity supplier and so have not received previous support for their Energy Costs; and to increase the revenue budget by that amount for the grant received. Funding was confirmed by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on 7 February 2023.
Reasons for the decision (but excluding any exempt or confidential information)	EBSSAF is a government programme. Councils are required to check eligibility and issue payments to eligible applicants. The EBSSAF report sets out the scope and approach to delivery of the scheme.
Alternatives considered and rejected	No alternatives considered. The scheme is delivered in line with government guidance. No discretionary element applies.
Name of Executive Member Consulted	Councillor Akbar, Executive Member for Finance and Resources
Interests Declared	None
Officer contact details For any further information	Name: Matthew Hassall Tel: 0161 234 5451 Email: matthew.hassall@manchester.gov.uk

Register of Key Decisions

Register of Key Decisions Reference	(2023/02/14B)
OR – if not published in the Register of Key Decisions	
Reasons for special urgency such that this was not published in a Register of Key Decisions	EBSSAF runs from 27 February 2023 to 31 May 2023 with final payments made by 30 June 2023. Government confirmation of funding was received on 7 February 2023. The timing of government confirmation of the scheme means that if the scheme were to progress through the standard Key Decision process there would be a delay in the provision of critical support to Manchester residents.

Scrutiny Call In

Call-in deadline	N/A
OR – if Exempt from Call-in	
Advice as to how any delay would seriously prejudice the legal or financial position of the Council	EBSSAF runs from 27 February 2023 to 31 May 2023 with final payments made by 30 June 2023. Government confirmation of funding was received on 7 February 2023. The timing of government confirmation of the scheme means that if the scheme were to progress through the standard Key Decision process there would be a delay in the provision of critical support to Manchester residents.
Scrutiny Chair who agreed the urgency	Councillor Simcock – Chair of Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee
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