

Key Decision



MANCHESTER
CITY COUNCIL

Urgent Key Decision

Request to a scrutiny chair that an urgent key decision be made without being published in the Register of Key Decisions, and/or that key decision be exempt from call in for scrutiny.

Decision maker	Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer	
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.	
List Non-confidential reports Reports to be considered that can be made available to the public	Report on Manchester's approach to delivering the Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding programme to Carol Culley, Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer and Councillor Akbar, Executive Member for Finance and Resources	
List Confidential reports Reports to be considered which contain confidential or exempt information	N/A	
Reason for confidentiality	N/A	
Intended date of decision	28 February 2023	
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Has the decision been published in the Register of Key Decisions?	Yes	
Reasons for special urgency Explain why it cannot be published in the Register of Key Decisions with 28 days notice.	EBSSAF is planned to allow applications 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. Final guidance is not yet available. The anticipated timing of final government confirmation of the scheme means that if the scheme were to progress through the standard Key Decision process there may be a delay in the provision of critical support to Manchester residents.	

Is exemption from call-in for scrutiny needed?	Yes	
Explain how any delay will seriously prejudice the legal or financial position of the Council	EBSSAF is planned to allow applications 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. Final guidance is not yet available. The anticipated timing of final government confirmation of the scheme means that if the scheme were to progress through the standard Key Decision process there may be a delay in the provision of critical support to Manchester residents.	
Scrutiny Chair who has agreed the decision is reasonable and urgent	Name	Councillor Simcock (Chair of Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee)
	Signed	Signature redacted for publication purposes
	Date	21 February 2023

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