

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	16 March 2023
What is the Decision	Approval to provide support to families with children who are eligible for Free School Meals during the Easter Half Term Holidays at a cost of up to £1.1m. This will be funded from the £12.9m government fund allocated to Manchester under Household Support Fund 4 which will provide support to households across Manchester impacted by the energy and cost of living crisis.
Reasons for the decision (but excluding any exempt or confidential information)	<p>The HSF is provided by government to councils to provide support to households impacted by the energy and cost-of living crisis.</p> <p>The HSF4 paper 'First Recommendations on Delivery of Household Support Fund 4' sets out the proposed approach and rationale for delivery of the first element of the scheme which is to provide support to families with children who are eligible for Free School Meals during the Easter Half Term Holidays at a cost of up to £1.1m. This will be funded from the £12.9m government fund allocated to Manchester under Household Support Fund 4</p> <p>Delegated powers to the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer in conjunction with the Deputy Leader for the continuing development and delivery of the scheme including the budget management as well as scheme eligibility and delivery were confirmed by the Executive on 17 November 2021 when confirming approval of the</p>
Alternatives considered and rejected	No alternatives considered. The scheme was designed to make best use of the government grant funding within the grant conditions
Name of Executive Member Consulted	Councillor Akbar, Executive Member for Finance and Resources Councillor Midgley, Deputy Leader
Interests Declared	None
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OR – if not published in the Register of Key Decisions

Reasons for special
urgency
such that this was not
published in a Register of
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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

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Scrutiny Chair
who agreed the urgency

Councillor Simcock – Chair of Resources and Governance and Scrutiny Committee

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Thursday 16 March 2023