

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 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..	
List Non-confidential reports Reports to be considered that can be made available to the public	Initial Recommendations on Delivery of Household Support Fund 4	
List Confidential reports Reports to be considered which contain confidential or exempt information	N/A	
Reason for confidentiality	N/A	
Intended date of decision	16 March 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.	HSF4 runs from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. Government confirmation of funding and of the scheme requirements were received on 21 February 2023. The timing of final 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. The first element of which will be 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.	
Is exemption from call-in for scrutiny needed?	Yes	

Explain how any delay will seriously prejudice the legal or financial position of the Council	<p>HSF4 runs from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. Government confirmation of funding and of the scheme requirements were received on 21 February 2023. The timing of final 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. The first element of which will be 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.</p>	
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	16 March 2023

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