

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	23 May 2023
What is the decision?	Approval of delivery of Household Support Fund 4, spending £12.9m government Fund to support households across Manchester impacted by the cost of living crisis and to increase the revenue budget by that amount for the grant received. Funding was confirmed by the Department for Work and Pensions on 21 February 2023.
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 'Recommendations on Delivery of Household Support Fund 4' sets out the proposed approach and rationale for delivery of the scheme.</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 first iteration of the Household Support Scheme.</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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Register of Key Decisions

Register of Key Decisions Reference	
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	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 time needed to conclude the delivery of HSF3 and set up and deliver other government schemes announced at short notice (Energy Bill Support Scheme Alternative Payment / Alternative Fuel Payment Alternative Funding) resulted in a delay in completing the design of HSF4 meaning 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.
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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	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 time needed to conclude the delivery of HSF3 and set up and deliver other government schemes announced at short notice (Energy Bill Support Scheme Alternative Payment / Alternative Fuel Payment Alternative Funding) resulted in a delay in completing the design of HSF4 meaning 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)
Date this notice was published	Wednesday 24 May 2023