

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 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.
List Non-confidential reports Reports to be considered that can be made available to the public	Initial 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	25 May 2023
Officer contact details For any further information	Matthew Hassall Head of Corporate Assessments 0161 234 5451 matthew.hassall@manchester.gov.uk
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 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.
Is exemption from call-in for scrutiny needed?	Yes

<p>Explain how any delay will seriously prejudice the legal or financial position of the Council</p>	<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 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.</p>	
<p>Scrutiny Chair who has agreed the decision is reasonable and urgent</p>	<p>Name</p>	<p>Councillor Simcock (Chair of Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee)</p>
	<p>Signed</p>	<p>Signature redacted for publication purposes</p>
	<p>Date</p>	<p>23 May 2023</p>

<p>Request prepared by:</p>	<p>Matthew Hassall, Head of Corporate Assessments</p>
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