

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Council – 12 July 2023

Subject: Urgent Key Decisions

Report of: The City Solicitor

Purpose of report

To report those key decisions that have been taken in accordance with the urgency provisions in the Council's Constitution.

Recommendation

To note the report.

Wards affected: All

Environmental Impact Assessment - the impact of the decisions proposed in this report on achieving the zero-carbon target for the city

N/A

Our Manchester Strategy outcomes	Contribution to the strategy
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	N/A
A highly skilled city: world class and home-grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	N/A
A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	N/A

A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work	N/A
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	N/A

Full details are in the body of the report, along with any implications for

- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Risk Management
- Legal Considerations

Financial consequences for the Revenue budget:

None

Financial consequences for the Capital Budget:

None

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Background documents:

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy, please contact one of the contact officers above.

None.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Constitution (Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules) establishes a procedure for dealing with key decisions where action needs to be taken immediately for reasons of urgency and is therefore not subject to the normal call-in arrangements.
 - 1.2 The procedures states that the chair of the appropriate scrutiny committee must agree that both the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances, and to it being treated as a matter of urgency.
- 2.** Such decisions are to be reported to the Council.

3. Urgent Key Decisions taken since the last meeting of Council

3.1 A list of key decisions requiring exemption from the call-in procedure that have been taken since the last meeting of Council is listed below.

Date	Subject	Reason for urgency	Decision Taken by	Approved by
3 April 2023	Appointment of a contractor to undertake construction works, as part of the wider Northern Quarter walking and cycling improvement scheme located within the Piccadilly Ward. (Tender ref: Q20524 Northern Quarter Walking and Cycling Area 2 – Stevenson Square)	Construction works are planned to commence on site by the 27 th May 2023, therefore the contract award is required to be issued to the preferred bidder by last week of April. This will prevent the delay starting on site.	Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)	Councillor A Simcock – Chair of Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee
23 May 2023	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	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.	Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer	Councillor A Simcock – Chair of Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee