

**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Council – 4 October 2023

**Subject:** Urgent Key Decisions

**Report of:** The City Solicitor

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**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.

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**Wards affected:** All

<b>Environmental Impact Assessment</b> - the impact of the decisions proposed in this report on achieving the zero-carbon target for the city
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N/A
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<b>Our Manchester Strategy outcomes</b>	<b>Contribution to the strategy</b>
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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Reason for urgency</b>	<b>Decision Taken by</b>	<b>Approved by</b>
6 July 2023	Award a contract following a Crown Commercial Service procurement exercise for an implementation supplier of the Mulesoft Integration Layer application.	A delay would have resulted in the implementation of the integration layer taking place later. As a consequence, testing of the links between CRM and the LoB systems will occur later. This would delay the start of the work to replace the current CRM system. This would result in the Council continuing to use an unsupported system which holds resident and business data	Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer	Councillor A Simcock – Chair of Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee
6 July 2023	Award a contract following a Crown Commercial Service procurement exercise for the provision of a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system	A delay would have place a hold on the award of a contract to a new CRM supplier. This would delay the start of the work to replace the current system. This would result in the Council continuing to use an unsupported system which holds resident and business data	Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer	Councillor A Simcock – Chair of Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee
11 September 2023	Call-off a contract for the supply of electricity and related services to MCC's corporate estate (including street lighting) and for associated organisations (e.g. Manchester schools etc).	Given the proximity to the end of the current incumbent contracts (30 September 2023), any delay would be severe from a financial point of view.  If alternative provision could not be made (, then the council would be subject to short-term, "deemed" or "out of contract" rates, which were	Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer	Councillor A Simcock – Chair of Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee

		<p>prohibitively expensive.</p> <p>The prevailing reason as to why the timeline was so suppressed, is that earlier this year markets were still highly inflated, meaning supplier interest in bidding for framework participation was extremely low if at all. The Council therefore had to wait for market conditions to improve before tendering the framework which this direct award will call off from.</p>		
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