

**Manchester City Council  
Report for Information**

**Report to:** Council – 31 January 2024

**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

**Alignment to the Our Manchester Strategy Outcomes (if applicable)**

<b>Manchester Strategy outcomes</b>	<b>Summary of how this report aligns to the OMS</b>
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	The Our Manchester Strategy sets out the vision for the city to 2025. The decisions listed will contribute towards that Strategy.
A highly skilled city: world class and home-grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	
A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work	
A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	

**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 key decision 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>
13 December 2023	To appoint a Mobysoft to provide software (RentSense) which will aid the recovery of rent arrears	The pre-procurement estimated value of this 3 year contract was below £500k based on historic pricing. Following a procurement exercise the actual contract value is £640,622. The current contract expiry date is 22 December 2023 so publishing this decision with 28 days notice will result in a break in the provision of the system. Any call-in would delay award of the contract until after the expiry date and lead to a break in provision of the service. This would seriously prejudice the legal or financial position of the Council and the interests of the residents of Manchester	Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer	Councillor A Simcock – Chair of Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee