

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Council – 28 November 2018

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

Financial consequences for the Revenue budget

None

Financial consequences for the Capital Budget

None

Implications for:

Antipoverty
No

Equal Opportunities
No

Environment
No

Employment
No

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Background documents:

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.
- 1.3 Such decisions are to be reported to the Council.

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

2.1 Urgent key decisions requiring exemption from the call in procedure are set out below.

Date	Subject	Reason for urgency	Decision Taken by	Approved by
5 November 2018	Biomedical investment by the Council	<p>As reported to Executive in July, the deadline for completion of this matter was Autumn 2018.</p> <p>In order for NewCo to secure the contract development work and associated guaranteed income stream completion of all documentation for the contract needs to take place by 7 November 2018. Negotiations have been ongoing and only concluded today due to the complexity of this matter and the importance of protecting the Council's interests Any delay therefore caused by the key decision and call-in processes, would seriously prejudice the legal, commercial or financial position of the Council or the interests of the residents of Manchester.</p>	Chief Executive City Treasurer City Solicitor	Councillor Russell – Chair of Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee
14 November 2018	To enter into legal agreements with a prospective tenant at Heron House	<p>The Council has agreed terms with a specialist occupier to enter into a 15 year lease for office accommodation at Heron House. The completion of the agreements by 15 November 2018 are required to ensure that building works are completed to enable the tenant to take occupation by mid 2019.</p> <p>Any delay will impact upon the completion of works at the building to facilitate the tenant taking occupation. Given the letting, it is critical that the timescales are met.</p>	Chief Executive	Councillor Russell – Chair of Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee