

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: Council – 27 March 2019

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
31 January 2019	Council Tax balance – to determine the Council Tax element of the estimated Collection Fund 2018/19 year-end surplus or deficit	The calculation of the estimated surplus or deficit uses the most up to date information (i.e. end of December 2018) which is not available until the end of the first week in January. Due to the statutory requirement to notify precepting authorities in January 2019 it is requested the decision is exempt from call in. Following a report to Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee on 6 December 2018 the chair of the committee has agreed to exempt this decision from call in	City Treasurer	Councillor Russell – Chair of Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee
31 January 2019	Business Rates balance - The calculation of the Council's business rate income.	The calculation uses information from the Business Rates system to support the key decision. This is available mid to late January. Due to the statutory requirement to notify Central Government and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (for the Fire and Rescue element) by 31 January 2019 it is requested the decision is exempt from call in. Following a report to Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee on 6 December 2018 the chair of the committee has agreed to exempt this decision from call in.	City Treasurer	Councillor Russell – Chair of Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee