

**Manchester City Council
Report for Information**

Report to: City Council - 24 March 2010

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.

Recommendations

To note the report.

Financial consequences for Revenue Budget None.

Financial consequences for Capital Budget None.

Wards affected All.

Implications for:

Antipoverty
No.

Equal Opportunities
No

Environment
No

Employment
No

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Background documents:

File of Key Decisions held in Room 405, Town Hall.

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 provide that the chair of the appropriate overview and 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, and since the last ordinary meeting of the City Council the following key decision has been dealt with in this way.

Date	Subject	Reason for urgency	Decision Taken by	Approved by
4 February 2010	BSF WAVE 4 Advanced Works Orders	Exemption from Call In required to place advanced orders for works minimising disruption, minimising VAT liability or reducing costs.	City Treasurer	Cllr Watson
3 March 2010	Draft Scheme of Governance for City Region	Any delay likely to be caused by the Call In process would seriously prejudice the legal position of the council and the interests of the residents of Manchester.	Executive	Cllr Watson
4 March 2010	Transport NFS (Neighbourhood Funding Strategy)	Exemption form Call In required to maintain momentum with the delivery of the Transport Neighbourhood Funding Strategy (NFS) Capital Programme	City Treasurer	Cllr. Watson
4 March 2010	Town Hall Complex Transformation Programme - Relocation of the Visitors Information Centre	Exemption form Call In required to maintain momentum with the delivery of the Town Hall Complex Programme and decant timescales	City Treasurer	Cllr. Watson

4 March 2010	North West Construction Hub Frameworks – approval of Contractor's for the delivery of projects in excess of £10,000,000 for public sector organisations within North West England	Consequence of time could have a detrimental impact on Manchester City Council Town Hall Project	City Treasurer	Cllr Watson
9 March 2010	Microsoft Enterprise Licence Agreement	Over the next three years the Council will need to invest in and implement a number of Microsoft technologies that will require new/renewed software licences. As the council invests in new technology to update the ICT estate and support its transformation, the opportunity has arisen to exploit the new flexibility offered within the Enterprise Agreement and avoid unnecessary licence costs.	Strategic Director of Transformation	Cllr. Watson
10 March 2010	Dedicated Schools Grant	Statutory requirement to distribute 2010/11 school budgets by due date of 31 March 2010.	Executive	Cllr. Cox