
REPORT
OF
THE CITY SOLICITOR

TO
COUNCIL
ON
20 JANUARY 2021

TITLE: URGENT KEY DECISIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

The Council is asked to note this report and the key decisions taken in accordance with the special urgency powers during the period November 2020 to January 2021.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides details of a recent urgent key decisions.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS (*available for public inspection*):

Salford City Council Constitution: Part 4 Rules of Procedure: Section B - Access to Information Procedure Rules 15,16,17, 18 and 19.3

KEY DECISION: N/A

DETAILS:

It is a requirement of the Salford City Council Constitution to submit a report to the next suitable Council meeting providing details of any key executive decisions taken during the preceding cycle, which for reasons of urgency, it has not been possible to fulfil the normal requirements of publication and instead, these have been dealt with under the special urgency powers (Rule 18).

The following is a list of such items, which have been taken in the period November 2020 to January 2021 and specifically during the current Covid-19 emergency:

Date	Decision/Reasons	Decision Maker
18 November 2020	<p>Approve a proposed negotiation threshold for the full and final settlement under all heads of a claim via mediation with the final agreed figure to be delegated to and The Strategic Director of Place for approval, but not exceeding the said threshold pursuant to the mediation, together with authorising the Shared Legal Service to complete all necessary documentation and take the steps required to give effect to the above actions.</p> <p>Litigation had been brought by a claimant against Salford City Council. Before a hearing took place, the parties had agreed to undertake mediation with a view to resolving the case without recourse to a hearing, potentially saving costs.</p> <p>Mediation was proposed at short notice and needed to take place before the imminent court hearing.</p>	Councillor John Merry, Deputy City Mayor
26 November 2020	<p>Rescind the decision of Cabinet of 11th November 2020 which approved the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF): Publication Draft 2020, for publication pursuant to Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations.</p> <p>Following that, Bury MBC had withdrawn their decision relating to publication of the GMSF. If Stockport MBC decided to proceed with the GMSF at their Council meeting on 3rd December, Bury MBC would then have to agree again to proceed, requiring a meeting that was unlikely to be held before the 15th December 2020. Consultation on the GMSF could not start before then, as the existing Cabinet/Executive decisions of the remaining eight Greater Manchester local authorities had a start date for the this of 1st December 2020, meaning a new consultation period would have to be agreed by all 10 Greater Manchester local authorities, including Salford City Council and accordingly, this decision would have to be taken again. Not to withdraw the decision would mean proceeding with a call-in meeting arranged for 27th November 2020 in relation to the original decision of the 11th November 2020 and which</p>	Paul Dennett, City Mayor

	would now have little purpose as it would be to consider something which would not be implemented in its current form. Any future decision would be subject to normal scrutiny procedures.	
22 December 2020	<p>Approve an Exception to Contractual Standing Orders to award a contract for the Engagement of Temporary Workers for the COVID-19 Targeted Testing at Scale Programme. The term of the contract is six weeks with a total contract value of up to £468,342.72.</p> <p>The execution of works or the supply of goods and services was required urgently to protect public health and consequently not permit compliance with the normal requirements of competition.</p> <p>Delay would have resulted in not being able to meet the required timescales in turn having a negative impact on public health, delaying or limiting the City Council's ability to meet its commitments with the Department of Health and Social Care. The execution of works was reliant upon existing council resources, if new capacity was not found in time this would have potentially led to the scaling back, or cessation, of other services to meet this need.</p>	Councillor Bill Hinds, Lead Member for Customer and Support Services and Chair of Procurement Board

KEY COUNCIL POLICIES: Council Constitution

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND IMPLICATIONS: N/A

ASSESSMENT OF RISK: N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS: Supplied by Sian Roxborough, City Solicitor

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Supplied by N/A

OTHER DIRECTORATES CONSULTED: N/A

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WARDS TO WHICH REPORT RELATES: All
