

# **PUBLIC PREVIEW: MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED LATER IN PRIVATE**

<b>Cabinet Member(s)</b>	As appropriate
<b>Cabinet Portfolio(s)</b>	As appropriate
<b>Officer Contact(s)</b>	Mark Braddock – Democratic Services
<b>Papers with report</b>	None

## **HEADLINES**

<b>Summary</b>	<p>A report to Cabinet to provide maximum transparency to residents on the private matters to be considered later in Part 2 of the Cabinet meeting and agenda.</p> <p>This will enable Cabinet Members to openly discuss such matters generally in public, and via the Council's live broadcast of the meeting, without prejudicing their later consideration in private.</p>
<b>Putting our Residents First</b>  <b>Delivering on the Council Strategy 2022-2026</b>	<p>This report supports our ambition for residents / the Council of: An efficient, well-run, digital-enabled council working with partners to deliver services to improve the lives of all our residents</p> <p>This report supports our commitments to residents of: A Digital-Enabled, Modern, Well-Run Council</p>
<b>Financial Cost</b>	As set out in the report.
<b>Relevant Select Committee</b>	As set out in this report under each item – however, this item is not for scrutiny call-in as it is information only.
<b>Ward(s)</b>	As set out in the report

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Cabinet note the reports to be considered later in private and Part 2 of the Cabinet agenda and comment on them as appropriate for public information purposes.**

## Reasons for recommendation

### Why are certain reports considered in private?

As a transparent, democratic organisation, the Council's Cabinet will consider matters in public on Part 1 of this Cabinet agenda. However, there will inevitably be some reports that will need to be considered in private. These would generally relate to contracts, property transactions or commercially sensitive information, for example, tender bids from commercial organisations, which if made public, could prejudice the Council's ability to secure value-for-money for resident taxpayers.

This information is also called 'exempt' information and is considered in Part 2 of any Cabinet agenda by applying the relevant section of the Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), in that the report contains certain information and that the public interest in withholding that information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

### How can the public find out more about the private reports?

To ensure maximum transparency when the Cabinet considers such private reports:

- 1) They are first given advance notice on the Cabinet's Forward Plan in summary form setting out the reason why they will be considered in private. The [Forward Plan](#) is a public document setting out all the expected decisions the Cabinet will make over the coming year, except those that are urgent, and is available on the Council's website to view;
- 2) This report provides a fuller public preview of the matters to be discussed in Part 2 of this Cabinet meeting and gives an opportunity for Cabinet Members to highlight issues of significance within and for public information purposes, without prejudicing their later fuller consideration in private. It also sets out the recommendations in general terms that are being proposed for a decision on.
- 3) Consideration of this report will also be broadcast live on the Council's YouTube channel: Hillingdon London, and available for viewing afterwards, for wider democratic engagement.
- 4) After these private reports are considered in Part 2 of this Cabinet meeting, Cabinet's full decisions on them will then be published on the Council's website the day after the Cabinet meeting, along with the decisions on the other matters already considered in public.

## Alternative options considered

Cabinet could resolve to release any private report into the public domain in extraordinary or highly exceptional cases, where it considers the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in withholding it. However, to ensure greater transparency on all private matters considered, this public preview item is advised as the most suitable way forward.

## Legal comments

Such private matters are considered in accordance with Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) Access to Information provisions and also The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012. This report enables such matters to be discussed in public as far as is possible under the relevant legislation.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### ITEM 7- ANPR CAMERA ENFORCEMENT LEASING VEHICLE PROPOSAL

Relevant Cabinet Member	Cllr Eddie Lavery - Cabinet Member for Community & Environment
Relevant Ward(s)	N/A
Relevant Select Committee	Residents' Services Select Committee

#### Information

The report proposes the commercial lease of automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) equipped camera enforcement vehicles to modernise parking enforcement operations, generate efficiencies and improve road safety, particularly around schools. The proposal includes the move from fixed school keep clear enforcement cameras, except in locations with consistently high non-compliance, and the redirection of enforcement of school keep clear restrictions to mobile ANPR-equipped vehicles.

Benefits include:

1. Improved Enforcement Coverage: The introduction of mobile ANPR camera-equipped vehicles will enable the council to respond more effectively to areas with high levels of parking and moving traffic control non-compliance, ensuring that enforcement resources are targeted where they are most needed.
2. Cost Savings: The shift away from static cameras to dynamic, mobile enforcement will enable significant cost savings.
3. Operational Efficiency: ANPR camera vehicles significantly enhance operational efficiency and can save on Civil Enforcement Officer foot patrol time.
4. Enhanced Public Safety: The deployment of ANPR-equipped vehicles can support the enforcement of the Heathrow Public Spaces Protection Order, improving public safety and compliance in this high-priority area.

For residents, they should benefit from improved enforcement and also around schools, leading to enhanced safety for children and reduced illegal parking. Dynamic, flexible enforcement via ANPR vehicles will also address borough-wide concerns and enable rapid response to emerging parking issues.

## ITEM 8 - TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION LEASING INITIATIVE - UXBRIDGE

Relevant Cabinet Members	Cllr Steve Tuckwell - Cabinet Member for Housing Cllr Jonathan Bianco - Cabinet Member for Corporate Services & Property
Relevant Ward(s)	Uxbridge
Relevant Select Committee	Residents' Services

### Information

This report seeks approval for Hillingdon Council to enter into a lease agreement with to secure eighty-seven family-sized units of self-contained accommodation for use as temporary housing for homeless households in Uxbridge.

This initiative is part of the Council's strategy to manage increasing homelessness and rising demand for temporary accommodation, while also reducing the overall cost of homelessness services to the Council's budgets.

The benefits of leasing such accommodation include:

- Cost Avoidance: The eighty-seven properties provide positive cost-avoidance compared to more expensive spot purchase accommodation.
- Improved Housing Supply: The lease will increase the supply of suitable, affordable housing for eligible homeless residents, helping to prevent homelessness and better meet their needs.
- Compliance and Safety: The Council will ensure full compliance with regulatory requirements.

Overall, the lease agreement proposed represents an opportunity to secure accommodation for a number of years at a lower cost, ensuring value for money for residents and supporting the Council's financial position.

## ITEM 9 - INVESTMENT IN CHILDREN'S CARE HOME CAPACITY

Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Susan O'Brien - Children, Families and Education
Relevant Ward(s)	Various
Relevant Select Committee	Children, Families and Education
<b>Information</b>	
<p>This report outlines a comprehensive plan to enhance the capacity and quality of children's homes in the borough to provide better care for looked after children and care leavers while achieving financial efficiency, by leasing three properties in the Borough.</p> <p>The proposals will ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The properties will enable children to receive care and support within their local area, maintaining their community connections.</li> <li>○ There will be provision for respite care for children with high-level needs and disabilities, supporting families and reducing the risk of family breakdown.</li> <li>○ It will include accommodation to support care-experienced young people in developing their independent living skills.</li> <li>○ It will ensure trauma-informed care and support in homes that are fit for purpose.</li> <li>○ Effective multi-agency support and close working with foster carers will help children achieve sustainable move-on plans to return to a family environment.</li> </ul>	

## ITEM 10 - ELECTRICAL TESTING, REPAIRS & SERVICE CONTRACTS

Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Jonathan Bianco, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services & Property
Relevant Ward(s)	N/A
Relevant Select Committee	Corporate Resources & Infrastructure

### Information

This report seeks approval to extend the contract for Electrical Testing, Repairs & Upgrade Service Contract Lot 1 and award the tender for The Electrical Testing, Repairs & Upgrade Service Contract Lot 2 for Housing & Corporate Properties. Each lot covers a different area of the Borough. The contracts aim to provide a safe environment for staff, residents, tenants, and service users. The benefits to residents from such arrangements include:

- Improved Safety: The contractors will be responsible for periodic electrical inspection reports, remedial works, and completing electrical fire safety upgrades. This ensures that all electrical installations within housing and corporate sites are in line with BS7671 recommendations, protecting residents and service users.
- Cost Savings: the contracts will deliver relative savings and be within budget.
- Quality Assurance: All works completed by contractors will be subject to council officer verification and independent third-party quality checks. This ensures that the services provided are of high quality and meet the required standards.

## ITEM 11 - MINOR PROPERTY TRANSACTION: VOLUNTARY SECTOR LEASE

Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Jonathan Bianco, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services & Property
Relevant Ward(s)	Uxbridge
Relevant Select Committee	Corporate Resources & Infrastructure

### Information

This report seeks Cabinet approval for the renewal of a business licence for a property at Fassnidge Park, Rockingham Parade, Uxbridge. The tenant, Recycle-a-Bike Uxbridge Ltd, will benefit from the Council's Voluntary Sector Leasing Policy discount.

The tenant operates a bicycle repair shop, storage, workshop, and bicycle café with toilets. The lease aligns with the Council's strategy to support a thriving economy and provide opportunities for residents to earn an income that supports their families.

The proposal will enable residents to continue using the popular bicycle and repair service, which also rehabilitates mental health service users and contributes to greater cycle riding in the local area.

## ITEM 12 - CONSULTANCY CONTRACT AWARD FOR SCHOOL CONDITION PROGRAMME

Relevant Cabinet Member	Cllr Jonathan Bianco, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services & Property
Relevant Ward(s)	All
Relevant Select Committee	Corporate Resources & Infrastructure

### Information

This report seeks approval for the appointment of Design and Property Consultants to progress the School Condition Programme Year 1 2025/26 following the outcome of the School Condition Surveys of 40 Council-maintained schools and nursery sites.

This wider programme aims to ensure fit for purpose school buildings and minimise the risk of further deterioration of the building structure, mechanical and engineering (M&E) services, and ensure compliance with fire building regulations.

Works identified from the surveys will be programmed to take place during the summer holidays to minimise disruption to schools.