

# Review - Maximising Council Spaces: A Review of Business and Private Hire Opportunities

Committee name	Corporate Resources and Infrastructure Select Committee
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Papers with report	Scoping Report for Review
Ward	All

## HEADLINES

At its meeting on 9 January 2025, the Corporate Resources and Infrastructure Select Committee agreed to undertake a review into assessing the availability and utilisation of Council owned space.

## RECOMMENDATION:

**That the Committee meet with officers and ask questions pertaining to the review.**

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

This first witness session sets out the Discovery Phase of the review. Officers attending are:

- Karrie Whelan – Corporate Director of Place
- Gary Penticost – Director of Operational Assets
- Fiona Sweet – Museums & Heritage Manager

Lines of enquiry can be expanded as the review progresses or included in relevant witness session reports. However, lines of enquiry for this session may include:

- Establishing an understanding of the current scene and use of spaces for hire
- Timelines on how the review can best progress including ascertaining data on all available spaces for short term hire across all services
- Identification of key teams that can support the review
- Exploring the provisions already in place, particularly the work by the Cultural Team hiring venues.
- Challenges and any wider issues relating to the review.

## Implications on related Council policies

A role of the Select Committees is to make recommendations on service changes and improvements to the Cabinet, who are responsible for the Council's policy and direction.

## How this report benefits Hillingdon residents

Select Committees directly engage residents in shaping policy and recommendations from the Committees are presented to Cabinet to consider, and ultimately seek to improve the way the

Council provides services to residents.

### **Financial Implications**

It is important that the Committee considers cost effective proposals that benefit resident taxpayers in relation to this review, which would ultimately be determined by Cabinet as part of the Council's broader budget planning process.

### **Legal Implications**

None at this stage.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

NIL.