

Decision Notice

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS (IN LIEU OF CABINET)

23 April 2020



1.	<p>STANDARDS AND QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN HILLINGDON DURING 2018/19</p> <p>DECISION:</p> <p>That, on behalf of the Cabinet, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Youth Services:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Note the comments from the Residents, Education and Environmental Services Policy Overview Committee and;2. Note the key findings set out in the report. <p>Reasons for decision</p> <p>Cabinet Members received a report on the standards and quality of education across Hillingdon schools and settings for Hillingdon’s children, young people and adults. They noted the attainment, progress and achievement for the academic year 2018/19 but also the wider measures of educational success. Cabinet Members also noted the views of the Residents’, Education & Environmental Services Policy Overview Committee, who had considered the report in the previous month.</p> <p>Alternative options considered and rejected</p> <p>None.</p> <p>Officer to action:</p> <p>Dan Kennedy, Residents Services</p>
2.	<p>VOLUNTARY SECTOR LEASING - POLICY</p> <p>DECISION:</p> <p>That, on behalf of the Cabinet, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services approve the Voluntary Sector Leasing Policy in Appendix A.</p> <p>Reasons for decision</p> <p>Cabinet Members approves an updated single policy for voluntary sector leases, which had brought together all previous policy decisions into one single document to provide greater clarity to local organisations who benefit from the scheme. In addition, Cabinet Members agreed to include within the policy a new requirement relating to subletting arrangements.</p>

Alternative options considered and rejected

Cabinet Members could have chosen to continue to rely on existing decisions regarding voluntary sector leasing policy spanning a number of years and not have brought them together into a single document.

Officers to action:

Mike Paterson / Michele Wilcox – Residents Services

3. MONTHLY COUNCIL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT: MONTH 11

DECISION:

That, on behalf of the Cabinet, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services:

- 1. Note the budget position as at February 2019 (Month 11) as outlined in Table 1;**
- 2. Note the Treasury Management update as at February 2020 at Appendix E;**
- 3. Agree to continue the delegated authority to the Chief Executive to approve any consultancy and agency assignments over £50k, with final sign-off of any assignments made by the Leader of the Council. To also note those consultancy and agency assignments over £50k approved under delegated authority between 12 March 2020 and 23 April 2020, detailed at Appendix G;**
- 4. Accept a grant of £250k from Network Rail for carriageway works at Station Approach, West Drayton;**
- 5. Approve to charge an affordable rent for the 19 new build general needs flats at Acol Crescent - Roundel House (£174.59 pw for one bedroomed flats and £231.08 pw for two bedroomed flats in 2020/21) as detailed in Appendix F;**
- 6. Approve acceptance of £66k grant funding from the Food Standards Agency for the costs of EU Exit planning;**
- 7. Approve acceptance of £35k grant funding from the Food Standards Agency for the costs of the implementation of the Official Controls Regulation (EU) 2017/625 (OCR).**
- 8. Agrees funding of £8k to the Mayor of Hillingdon's Charitable Trust in lieu of the Council not entering the Mayor of London's New Year's Day Parade in 2020.**
- 9. Note the following recent decisions taken under the Leader's Emergency Power in response to Coronavirus:**
 - a) Approved essential changes to the Council's contractual arrangements during the Pandemic, including the implementation HM Government's COVID-19 Procurement Policy Note issued on 20 March 2020;**
 - b) Accepted a £6.86m social care grant from HM Government and agreed an immediate spend of £1.87m of this grant to support our Social Care providers in maintaining resilience over the coming months;**
 - c) Agreed a 10% temporary uplift to permanent front-line social care staff salaries amounting to £197k revenue to reflect their critical role at this time;**
 - d) Agreed up to £50k external grant funding for H4All to support the local voluntary sector response;**
 - e) Released £49k of capital funding for urgent works to secure the Hillingdon Sports and Leisure Centre site following its temporary closure.**

Reasons for decision

Cabinet Members were informed of the final Month 11 forecast revenue, capital and treasury position for the current year 2019/20 to ensure the Council had achieved its budgetary and service objectives.

Additionally, Cabinet Members made a number of financial decisions, including the acceptance of external grant funding towards various schemes and set affordable rent charges for new flats built in the Borough. Some funding was also granted towards the Mayor's Charitable Trust in place of the monies usually incurred for the Lord Mayor of London's New Year's Day Parade.

Importantly, Cabinet Members noted some of the key emergency decisions taken by the Leader of the Council over recent weeks as part of the Council's robust response to the Coronavirus national emergency.

Alternative options considered and rejected

None.

Officer to action:

Paul Whaymand, Finance

4. VOLUNTARY SECTOR LEASE - GRANT OF A NEW LEASE TO THE LIONS CLUB OF NORTHWOOD

DECISION:

That, on behalf of the Cabinet, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services agree the new lease and rent set out in the report, which are subject to negotiation with the voluntary sector organisation detailed in this report and instructs the Deputy Chief Executive and Corporate Director of Residents Services to then commission the Borough Solicitor to complete the appropriate legal documentation.

Reasons for decision

Cabinet Members agreed to the grant of a new lease to the Lions Club of Northwood of 195 Pinner Road, Northwood. This decision enabled the organisation concerned to benefit from the Council's Voluntary Sector Leasing Policy and the Council's wider commitment to a vibrant local voluntary sector.

Alternative options considered and rejected

None.

Officer to action:

Mike Paterson / Michele Wilcox, Residents Services

Classification: Private

The report relating to this matter is not made public and was considered privately because it contained information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority

holding that information) and the public interest in withholding the information outweighed the public interest in disclosing it in accordance with Section 100(A) and paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

DECISION AUTHORITY & IMPLEMENTATION

Where required, these decisions have been taken under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

These decisions will come into effect at 5pm, Thursday 30 April 2020, unless called-in by the Executive Scrutiny Committee prior to this date. Councillors and officers will be notified of any call-in received.

This is the formal notice by the London Borough of Hillingdon of the above decisions

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