

Agenda Item 5

Review of Mobile Technology and Telecommunications Equipment in Hillingdon Borough and beyond

REASON FOR ITEM

To enable the Committee to agree final conclusions and recommendations to present to Cabinet as a result of their review of Mobile Technology and Telecommunications Equipment in Hillingdon Borough and beyond.

INFORMATION

Aim of review

To look into the future growth of mobile telephone masts and ancillary equipment and the effects on the residents and environment of Hillingdon and beyond.

Terms of Reference

1. To explore the future of mobile phone technology, e.g. 4G/5G and the transmission facilities that will be required.
2. To review the Council's existing planning policies on the installation of mobile phone masts generally, e.g. on roofs and specifically in relation to council owned premises.
3. To investigate the new generation of telecommunications and explore new designs of telecommunications masts.
4. To explore how local authorities liaise with mobile phone operators and their subsidiaries over mobile phone mast locations.
5. To investigate the appropriate use of phone masts in localities and their design within the local environment.
6. To explore the views of residents, residents' associations and other key stakeholders who experience mobile phone masts in their vicinity or use mobile telephones, e.g. businesses.
7. To identify further opportunities for the sharing of mobile phone masts within the current regulatory framework.
8. To examine best practice through information-sharing with other local authorities at home and overseas.
9. To present the Committee's findings and any recommendations to Cabinet for consideration as Council policy.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE

1. Agree final conclusions and recommendations of the review;
2. Ask officers for further information;
3. Schedule an additional enquiry session to seek further information from external witnesses.

SUGGESTED COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Members to discuss the evidence gathered to date on the review and discuss any potential conclusions and recommendations to be included in the final report.