

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Reporting Officer: Head of Democratic Services

(i) URGENT IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS

RECOMMENDATION: That the Urgency decisions detailed below be noted.

Information

1. The Constitution allows a Cabinet or Cabinet Member decision to be implemented before the expiry of the 5 day call-in provided there is agreement from the Chief Executive and the Chairman of the Executive Scrutiny Committee to waive this. All such decisions are to be reported for information only to the next full Council meeting.
2. Recently the following decisions have been made using the urgency procedures:

Date of Decision	Decision Type / Nature of Decision	Decision-Maker
14/09/2018	Housing Revenue Account Major Projects: Redevelopment Of Acol Crescent Site, South Ruislip for General Needs And Shared Ownership Housing: Appointment Of main contractor and associated Capital Release	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services
24/09/2018	Landscape Partnership agreement with the Colne Valley Partnership Board	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services
28/09/2018	Schedule of Penalty Charges in Relation to Criminal Activity by Landlords who Fail to Meet Required Housing Standards	Leader of the Council
04/10/2018	HRA Revenue Account - Major Adaptations to Property 2018/19 Release no 8, supporting our disabled residents.	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services
10/10/2018	Demolition works as part of new residential developments at Belmore Allotments, Maple & Poplar Day Centre, Willow Tree Depot and Woodside Day Centre: Appointment of demolition contractor and associated Capital Release	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services
31/10/2018	In-sourcing of Corporate Maintenance and Repair services, from the previous Mitie contract (later ratified by Cabinet)	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services.

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01/11/2018	Highways Programme 2018/19 - Release No 2. A major funding release for 76 road resurfacing projects across the Borough, totalling £5,347k from the highways budget, £200k from the Transport for London principal roads budget plus a re-allocation of £1,677k of previously released highways funds.	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services
02/11/2018	Swakeleys Roundabout: Proposed Partial Signalisation – approval of the Council’s response to Transport for London and HS2 Limited.	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation & Recycling
06/11/2018	Uxbridge Sports Club access improvements, including tender acceptance and capital release (Chrysalis Programme 2018/19 Release No.6)	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member, Cabinet Member for Community, Commerce & Regeneration and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services
13/11/2018	Secondary Schools Expansions Programme (SSEP) - contract award for the costs of construction and consultancy associated with the new extension and remodelling works at Ruislip High and Vyners Secondary Schools including capital release.	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services

BACKGROUND PAPERS: Decision Notices

(ii) LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. Introduction

1.1 Members will recall that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is undertaking a review of the London Borough of Hillingdon's local government electoral arrangements. The outcome of the review will be implemented for the May 2022 Council elections.

1.2 The purpose of an electoral review is to consider the:

- number of Councillors elected to the Council,
- number & names of wards,
- ward boundaries and
- number of Councillors per ward.

1.3 At the meeting of full Council in September 2018, Members noted that the LGBCE were minded to recommend that, w.e.f May 2022, the Council size will be 53 Members.

- 1.4 Council also authorised the Head of Democratic Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to submit proposals for consideration to the LGBCE by 5 November 2018 for the composition, size and name of wards for the London Borough of Hillingdon from May 2022 onwards.
- 1.5 The purpose of this report is to update Members with progress of the review and to outline the next stage.

RECOMMENDATION: That the contents of the Council submission to the LGBCE be noted.

2. Background

- 2.1 Periodically the LGBCE will conduct a review of all local authority electoral arrangements using the following statutory criteria:-
 - The need to secure electoral equality (a consistent number of electors per Councillor)
 - Community identity (strong ward boundaries that reflect communities); and
 - Securing effective and convenient local government (coherent wards)
- 2.2 The current LBH electoral arrangements were established after the previous review in 1999 and resulted in 22 wards and 65 Councillors.
- 2.3 The preliminary stage of the current review resulted in a recommended future Council size; i.e. the number of elected Councillors as being 53; a reduction of 12 from the current size.
- 2.4 The recommendation regarding the number of Councillors informed the next stage of the review which was a 10 week period of public consultation, concluding on 5 November 2018, during which the Commission invited submissions from all interested parties within the Borough for the structure of the LBH electoral wards i.e. the size and number of wards, ward names, ward boundaries and the number of councillors to represent each ward.
- 2.5 As a part of that consultation the Council, in accordance with the decision made at the September meeting, submitted proposals for the warding patterns and these are attached as an appendix for Members' information.
- 2.6 The submission has been designed to follow the criteria as set out in 2.1 (above) and produce wards with, as near as possible, an electoral equality of 4,295 electors per Councillor.

3. Next Steps

- 3.1 The Commission will now consider all the submissions it has received. These can be found on line at:
<http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/greater-london/greater-london/hillingdon>
- 3.2 On 8 January 2019, the Commission will produce a first set of draft recommendations. This will trigger a second period of consultation until 18

March 2019 and which, again, will be open to all interested parties within the Borough to respond.

- 3.3 A final decision will then be expected in June 2019 for implementation at the Council elections in May 2022.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. The decision of the LGBCE to reduce the number of elected Members to 53 will result in financial implications in 2022. The scale of these implications will not be quantified fully until the completion of the review.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 sets out the duty placed on the LGBCE to undertake an electoral review of every principal local authority in England 'from time to time'. Decisions regarding electoral arrangements in the Borough are reserved to Full Council.

BACKGROUND PAPERS: None

iii) AMENDMENT TO THE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

Health and Wellbeing Board Membership

1. At the meeting of Council on 9 May 2013, the new Health and Wellbeing Board was formally approved as a Committee of the Council. The Board's Standing Orders specify that changes to its Statutory Membership must be determined by full Council.
2. A replacement is required for the substitute for the Statutory Director of Adult Social Services, a statutory non-voting member of the Health and Wellbeing Board. It is recommended that Ms Sandra Taylor, be named as the substitute for the Statutory Director of Adult Social Services.

RECOMMENDATION: That Ms Sandra Taylor be named as the substitute for the Statutory Director of Adult Social Services on the Health and Wellbeing Board.

BACKGROUND PAPERS: None