

## 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>	<p>This report supports the following Council objectives of: <i>Our Natural Environment; Our Built Environment; Our Heritage and Civic Pride; Strong financial management</i></p>
<b>Financial Cost</b>	<p>As set out in the report.</p>
<b>Relevant Select Committee</b>	<p>As set out in this report under each item – however, this item is not for scrutiny call-in as it is information only.</p>
<b>Ward(s)</b>	<p>As set out in the report</p>

## 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 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

<p><b>Item 7 – Playground refurbishment contract</b></p>	
<p><b>Relevant Cabinet Member(s)</b></p>	<p><b>Relevant Ward Select Committee</b></p>
<p>Cllr Eddie Lavery Cabinet Member for Residents' Services</p>	<p>Various Wards Residents' Services</p>
<p><b>Information</b></p>	<p><b>General recommendations</b></p>
<p>Hillingdon Council maintains over 150 playgrounds across the Borough, providing a free facility for children to play, learn, keep fit and develop skills that will aid in their development.</p> <p>Over the years, the equipment requires upgrading and replacing. This is identified by the safety inspections undertaken by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) qualified Inspectors and engineers from the Council's Insurance company Zurich.</p> <p>Following a procurement exercise, Cabinet will consider a contract for the planned refurbishment of 23 of the 150 playgrounds, those that are reaching the end of their life. These playgrounds will be refurbished over a 4-year period and include those in both parks and on housing estates.</p> <p>Due to ground and weather conditions, and to avoid disruption to residents during school holidays, works are expected to be carried out at specific times during the year.</p>	<p>That the Cabinet accept the tender for the provision of the design, replacement and installation of playground equipment for the London Borough of Hillingdon.</p>

<p><b>Item 8 - Transportation Services for Children, Looked After Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities</b></p>	
<p><b>Relevant Cabinet Member(s)</b></p>	<p><b>Relevant Ward Select Committee</b></p>
<p>Cllr Susan O'Brien – Cabinet Member for Children, Families &amp; Education</p>	<p>N/A Children, Families &amp; Education</p>
<p><b>Information</b></p>	<p><b>General recommendations</b></p>
<p>The Council has a statutory responsibility to provide home to school transportation for eligible Children with Special Educational needs and Disabilities (SEND).</p> <p>The proposal to Cabinet is to continue with a Dynamic Purchasing System (or DPS) for a number of years, allowing Officers to create and maintain an established pool of transport suppliers to ensure market availability and best value.</p> <p>Transport provided is both within Borough and out of Borough to schools. Transport providers use a variety of vehicles including coaches, minibuses, ambulant / wheelchair accessible minibuses, MPVs or taxis and cars.</p> <p>These contracts also provide for accredited Passenger Assistants, where required for the individual(s) being transported.</p> <p>The Covid-19 pandemic, in addition to other commodity price increases, including the cost-of-living crisis, has impacted the cost of new and existing routes with suppliers, so the ability to have a DPS in place will be important in securing the best value for money.</p> <p>The provision of transport for adult clients is currently undertaken using the Council's own in-house fleet.</p>	<p>That the Cabinet approves the continuation of the Dynamic Purchasing System framework for passenger services in order to effectively manage its' significant procurement activity over the next seven years.</p>

<p><b>Item 9 – Contract for the planned replacement of domestic boilers and associated works within housing properties</b></p>	
<p><b>Relevant Cabinet Member(s)</b></p>	<p><b>Relevant Wards Select Committee</b></p>
<p>Councillor Jonathan Bianco Cabinet Member for Property, Highways &amp; Transport</p>	<p>All Property, Highways &amp; Transport</p>
<p><b>Information</b></p>	<p><b>General recommendations</b></p>
<p>There are 8,636 gas boilers within London Borough of Hillingdon housing owned stock. Approximately a quarter of these properties have boilers that require replacing due to either their age or that they have efficiency ratings which need to be improved.</p> <p>Cabinet will, therefore, consider a contract for a planned replacement programme to replace these over a three-to-four-year period. All new boilers will be high efficiency “A” rated units.</p> <p>The proposed planned boiler programme will also allow the Council time to improve fabric insulation levels in the housing stock which will be required for new boiler systems, following the ban on new gas fired boilers from 2030.</p> <p>Importantly, this will improve the quality of life for those residents living within affected properties, by ensuring a reliable supply of hot water, a reduction in heating costs and carbon reduction benefits.</p>	<p>That the Cabinet accept the tender for the provision of the Planned Replacement of Domestic Boilers and Associated Works within Housing Properties contract to the London Borough of Hillingdon.</p>