

PUBLIC PREVIEW:

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED LATER IN PRIVATE

Cabinet Member(s)	As appropriate
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	As appropriate
Officer Contact(s)	Mark Braddock – Democratic Services
Papers with report	None

HEADLINES

Summary	<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>
Putting our Residents First Delivering on the Council Strategy 2022-2026	<p>This report supports our ambition for residents / the Council of: An efficient, well-run, digital-enabled council working with partners to deliver services to improve the lives of all our residents</p> <p>This report supports our commitments to residents of: A Digital-Enabled, Modern, Well-Run Council</p>
Financial Cost	As set out in the report.
Relevant Select Committee	As set out in this report under each item – however, this item is not for scrutiny call-in as it is information only.
Ward(s)	As set out in the report

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

Item 6 - Renovation of tennis courts sites within the London Borough of Hillingdon	
Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Relevant Ward Select Committee
Cabinet Member for Residents' Services	Ickenham, Northwood, Wood End, Heathrow Villages Residents' Services
Information	General recommendations
<p>Cabinet will receive a report to further develop the Council's tennis facilities and encourage greater participation in tennis for residents of all ages.</p> <p>Specifically, Cabinet will consider a contractor to upgrade four tennis court sites to a playable standard that are currently in poor condition and under used:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rosedale Park, Hayes (6 courts) 2. Northwood Recreation Ground (5 courts) 3. Harmondsworth Recreation Ground (2 courts) 4. Swakeleys Park, Ickenham (2 courts) <p>This will include the refurbishment, rebuild and renovation of the courts and the installation of gate access systems. The proposed works will take place over a 10 -week period off-season and regular users will be notified of works through signage at the courts prior to any work starting.</p> <p>The project is supported by the Lawn Tennis Association who are also contributing funding towards it.</p> <p>Furthermore, Cabinet will note that an agreement has been reached with a tennis coaching provider to start in Spring 2023, which will further improve resident access and opportunities for tennis.</p>	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approve a project for the renovation of four tennis court sites. 2) Accept the grant award of £181k from the Lawn Tennis Association. 3) Accept the tender from a contractor for the works. 4) Approve supplementary funding from Council budgets.

Item 7 - Contract Extension - Void Property Repair Service	
Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Relevant Ward Select Committee
Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport	All Wards Property, Highways and Transport
Information	General recommendations
<p>Cabinet in 2020 approved contracts following a competitive tender for void or empty home services to housing properties, with the option to extend those contracts.</p> <p>These contracts are split between two areas of the Borough – North and South – and provided by the following companies: Pilon Ltd. and Greyline Ltd..</p> <p>Both contractors repair and service void (or empty) housing properties which ensures that the Council's housing stock is effectively utilised to the benefit of tenants and so the Council can provide modern well-maintained properties from the onset of a new tenancy that meet lettable standards.</p> <p>The proposal before Cabinet is to extend these contracts.</p>	<p>That Cabinet considers the extension of the current contracts for void services to housing properties.</p>

<p>Item 8 - Integrated Statutory Advocacy and an Independent Health Complaints Advocacy Service</p>	
<p>Relevant Cabinet Member(s)</p>	<p>Relevant Ward Select Committee</p>
<p>Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care</p>	<p>Ward N/A Health and Social Care</p>
<p>Information</p>	<p>General recommendations</p>
<p>Cabinet will consider extending 2 current contracts for statutory advocacy services, specifically:</p> <p>Integrated Statutory Advocacy – a contract with a provider that supports residents in care, in particular those with mental health needs, to have a say and ultimately direct their own care and support plans in order to maximise the opportunities of achieving their desired outcomes. Moreover, it also enables residents to make informed decisions about their care, support and treatment.</p> <p>Independent Health Complaints Advocacy Service – a contracted service to support and empower anyone who wishes to resolve a complaint about healthcare commissioned and / or provided by the NHS in England.</p> <p>The current contacts are provided by POhWER Limited, a UK Advocacy Charity.</p>	<p>That the Cabinet agree to extend the current contracts.</p>

<p>Item 9 - Appointment of Contractor for the Residential Development at Petworth Gardens, Hillingdon</p>	
<p>Relevant Cabinet Member(s)</p>	<p>Relevant Ward Select Committee</p>
<p>Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport</p>	<p>Hillingdon East Property, Highways and Transport</p>
<p>Information</p>	<p>General recommendations</p>
<p>The vacant former garages and former playground on the Petworth Garden site is being progressed into a new residential development to support housing needs in the Borough.</p> <p>The garages on the Petworth Garden site were demolished approximately 10 years ago and the site has been gated ever since to prevent vehicular access and fly-tipping.</p> <p>A planning application was approved in December 2021 for residential development with 4 x 4-bedroom houses.</p> <p>The report before Cabinet seeks to appoint a suitable contractor to build the houses and release the necessary funding for the project.</p> <p>The scheme is part-funded by the Greater London Authority and aims to meet the current demand for a range of affordable homes for local working households.</p>	<p>That the Cabinet accept the tender and make the necessary funding decisions.</p>