

PUBLIC PREVIEW:

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED LATER IN PRIVATE

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

HEADLINES

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| 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 9 - DISPOSAL OF BARRA HALL, BARRA HALL PARK, HAYES

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| Relevant Cabinet Portfolio(s) | Property, Highways and Transport |
| Relevant Ward(s) | Wood End |
| Relevant Select Committee | Corporate Resources & Infrastructure |

Information

This Cabinet report is regarding the proposed sale of Barra Hall in Hayes, a property previously used as a Children's Centre. The report proposes that the Barra Hall site be sold and used for educational purposes only in order to protect it as a listed asset. The recommendations will support the optimisation of the use of Council assets, the Council's finances and importantly enhance the provision of SEND services within the Borough.

ITEM 10 - AWARD OF CONTRACT: SHORT-TERM NURSING BEDS

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| Relevant Cabinet Portfolio(s) | Health and Social Care |
| Relevant Ward(s) | N/A |
| Relevant Select Committee | Health and Social Care |

Information

This Cabinet report seeks approval for a contract for short-term nursing beds, funded by the Better Care Fund. It intends to support timely discharge from hospital for residents who require short-term support in a care home setting with nursing needs and fully aligns with joint health strategies and the need for bed supply.

ITEM 11 - YIEWSLEY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT - OTTERFIELD ROAD AND FALLING LANE APPOINTMENT OF CONTRACTOR

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| Relevant Cabinet Portfolio(s) | Property, Highways and Transport |
| Relevant Ward(s) | Yiewsley |
| Relevant Select Committee | Corporate Resources & Infrastructure |

Information

This report seeks Cabinet authority to appoint a contractor for the redevelopment of the former Yiewsley Swimming Pool and site at Falling Lane into a mixed residential scheme. The proposal will enable the construction of a new library and 95 housing units, which aligns with the Council's strategy of providing good quality, affordable homes in connected communities and supporting thriving, healthy households. The redevelopment is expected to deliver significant off-site benefits to the community, such as a fully equipped Adventure Playground, family landscaped garden, an additional playground, improved parking amenities, and enhanced access works. The project aims to be carbon neutral and energy efficient.

ITEM 12 - FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR MINOR WORKS

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| Relevant Cabinet Portfolio(s) | Property, Highways and Transport |
| Relevant Ward(s) | N/A |
| Relevant Select Committee | Corporate Resources & Infrastructure |

Information

This report proposes a Framework Agreement for Minor Works to provide several key benefits for the Council. It aims to streamline the process of contracting maintenance and building works, which was previously done through lengthy individual tender exercises. The proposed framework agreement is designed to be flexible, with no direct costs to the Council for its creation, and individual call-offs will be subject to relevant approvals. It is expected to bring efficiency gains for procurement and the operational teams accessing the framework.

ITEM 13 - DISPOSAL OF DISUSED CAR PARK ADJACENT TO WILLOW TREE MARINA YEADING

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| Relevant Cabinet Portfolio(s) | Property, Highways and Transport |
| Relevant Ward(s) | Yeading |
| Relevant Select Committee | Corporate Resources & Infrastructure |

Information

This report relates to the proposed disposal of the disused car park adjacent to Willow Tree Marina. The report notes that the land has been disused since at least 2008 and is overgrown with vegetation, which means the Council can save on maintenance costs once disposed.