

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 8 - YIEWSLEY HOUSING - FALLING LANE DEVELOPMENT

Relevant Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Corporate Services & Property
Relevant Ward(s)	Yiewsley
Relevant Select Committee	Corporate Resources & Infrastructure

Information

This report seeks Cabinet authority to appoint a contractor and make ancillary consultancy and funding decisions, in respect of the redevelopment of the Falling Lane site as part of the wider Yiewsley housing project. This follows Cabinet's decision in July to progress the Otterfield Road site.

The Falling Lane site currently houses the Yiewsley library and adjoining car park, and the proposal is that it will be redeveloped to provide 50 new housing units. Alongside the substantial investment in new housing, with its counterpart site at Otterfield Road, the overall development will offer significant benefits to residents and the community, including:

- A brand-new library
- A fully equipped adventure playground
- A family landscaped garden
- An additional playground
- Improved car parking amenities
- Improved access works

The scheme will be carbon neutral and energy efficient. The Council has also secured substantial external Greater London Authority funding towards the scheme.

ITEM 9 - TEMPORARY AGENCY STAFF CONTRACT EXTENSION

Relevant Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Corporate Services & Property
Relevant Ward(s)	N/A
Relevant Select Committee	Corporate Resources & Infrastructure

Information

The report seeks Cabinet approval for an extension of its temporary agency worker contract. Such agency workers supplement the Council's directly employed workforce in front-line services such as social care, refuse and recycling, street cleansing, highways, greenspaces, and passenger services. The extension of the contract is crucial for maintaining the delivery of essential front-line services to Hillingdon residents. These arrangements provide flexibility, cost efficiency, and access to specialised skills, ensuring that the Council can continue to meet the needs of its residents effectively.

ITEM 10 - CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF REFUSE AND RECYCLING BAGS

Relevant Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Community & Environment
Relevant Ward(s)	N/A
Relevant Select Committee	Residents' Services

Information

This report to Cabinet seeks to award a contract for the supply and delivery of refuse and recycling bags for the London Borough of Hillingdon.

The purpose of this contract is to ensure the continuous provision of high-quality refuse and recycling bags to residents, schools, council offices and businesses etc.... This supports the Borough's waste management and recycling services, which are crucial for maintaining cleanliness and achieving waste reduction and recycling targets.

Such contractual arrangements also align with the Council's strategy to create a green and sustainable Borough by providing residents with the necessary tools to participate in recycling programs.

ITEM 11 - MULTI-LOT FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT - KITCHEN AND BATHROOM REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME

Relevant Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Corporate Services & Property
Relevant Ward(s)	N/A
Relevant Select Committee	Corporate Resources & Infrastructure

Information

This report to Cabinet seeks approval to accept tenders for the replacement framework for kitchens and bathrooms within the Council's housing stock over a 5-year programme.

The purpose of this report is to ensure that residents live in good quality, affordable homes in connected communities, supporting the Council's strategy for 2022-2026.

The framework approach being presented to Cabinet aims to quickly address replacements, manage localised work packages effectively, and reduce tendering time and costs using specialist installation companies. The framework includes works such as thermal boarding for solid wall dwellings and heat recovery mechanical ventilation fans to combat damp, mould, and condensation.

This report supports the Council's commitment to providing safe and functional kitchens, bathrooms and WCs and residents will also be consulted on the installation programme.

ITEM 12 - PROVISION OF 'WASTE WEEKENDS' FOR DISPOSAL OF BULKY HOUSEHOLD WASTE

Relevant Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Community & Environment
Relevant Ward(s)	Yiewsley / All Wards
Relevant Select Committee	Corporate Resources & Infrastructure

Information

The report to Cabinet considers the contractual arrangements for the Waste Weekends at Tavistock Road, Yiewsley. This service provides a disposal facility located within the south of the borough for bulky household waste for Borough residents. Commercial waste is not accepted at the site.

ITEM 13 - DEMOLITION AND REBUILD OF FIRE DAMAGED PROPERTY AT VERNON DRIVE, HAREFIELD

Relevant Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Corporate Services & Property
Relevant Ward(s)	Harefield Village
Relevant Select Committee	Corporate Resources & Infrastructure

Information

The purpose of this report is to outline the redevelopment of the property at Vernon Drive, which was destroyed by a fire in November 2023. Cabinet will consider the proposed demolition and rebuilding of the site and create two new semi-detached 5-bedroom, DDA-compliant, and energy-efficient homes on the site. Planning consent was received from the Hillingdon Planning Committee on 8th May 2024.

These new homes will feature modern amenities such as internal lifts, EV chargers, and solar panels. The project aims to provide high-quality, sustainable housing that meets the needs of the community, particularly for families with specific requirements.