

## **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>  <b>Delivering on the Council Strategy 2022-2026</b>	<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>
<b>Financial Cost</b>	As set out in the report.
<b>Relevant Select Committee</b>	As set out in this report under each item – however, this item is not for scrutiny call-in as it is information only.
<b>Ward(s)</b>	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 14 - DOOR ENTRY, ACCESS CONTROL, AUTOMATED DOORS, BARRIERS AND GATES SERVICE AND REPAIR CONTRACT WITHIN HOUSING AND CORPORATE PROPERTIES

Relevant Cabinet Members	Councillor Jonathan Bianco, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services & Property
Relevant Ward(s)	N/A
Relevant Select Committee	Corporate Resources & Infrastructure

#### Information

This report seeks approval to award a contract, following competitive tender, for the servicing, maintenance, and repair of door entry systems, access controls, automated doors, barriers, and gates within housing and corporate properties. This contract aims to ensure the safety and security of residents and service users by maintaining these systems in good working order.

Features of this proposal include:

- **Safety and Security:** The contract will ensure that all door entry systems and automated doors are regularly serviced and maintained, providing a safe environment for residents, tenants, and staff.
- **Efficiency:** By combining two previous contract specifications into one, the Council aims to achieve cost savings and operational efficiencies.
- **Compliance:** The contract ensures that all systems comply with relevant safety standards and regulations, reducing the risk of accidents and legal issues.

## ITEM 15 - PROVISION OF PEST CONTROL SERVICES

Relevant Cabinet Members	Councillor Jonathan Bianco - Cabinet Member for Corporate Services & Property
Relevant Ward(s)	N/A
Relevant Select Committee	Corporate Resources and Infrastructure

### Information

This report recommends appointing a contractor, following competitive tender, for a Borough-wide reactive pest control contract. This contract will serve social housing properties, corporate sites, and targeted preventative programmes across high-risk locations, including high-rise buildings, sheltered housing schemes, and extra care schemes. The contract also includes estate-wide baiting programmes and bedbug monitoring.

Features of this proposal include:

1. **Health and Safety:** The contract ensures a rapid and professional response to pest infestations, preventing the spread of diseases and reducing property damage. This is particularly important for vulnerable residents, such as older adults and those with health conditions.
2. **Improved Living Conditions:** Proactive measures like estate-wide baiting and bedbug monitoring will help reduce the likelihood of large-scale infestations, improving the quality of life for entire communities.
3. **Consistency and Trust:** The contract supports the Council's commitment to resident satisfaction by providing a consistent, borough-wide standard of pest control. The aim of this is to reduce complaint volumes and enhance further satisfaction Council services.
4. **Cost-Efficiency:** A unified contract offers cost-efficiency through economies of scale and reduced emergency call-out expenses.

## ITEM 16 - TELECARE MONITORING AND CORPORATE OUT OF HOURS CALL CENTRE CONTRACT AWARDS

Relevant Cabinet Members	Councillor Jane Palmer, Health and Social Care Councillor Martin Goddard, Finance & Transformation
Relevant Ward(s)	N/A
Relevant Select Committee	Heath and Social Care

### Information

This report outlines various contractual decisions required to progress and future proof telecare monitoring and out-of-hours call answering services due to the expiry of the current contractual arrangements and the imperative to transition services in light of the national digital switchover by January 2027.

Cabinet will be recommended to agree several short-term contractual extensions to enable the transition of the Alarm Response Centre as well as telecare equipment, in order to provide sufficient time for a fuller competitive tender process.

Benefits of these systems and transitional arrangements will ensure:

1. Continued Independence: The new telecare monitoring service will help residents stay living independently for as long as possible by providing 24/7 monitoring and emergency assistance.
2. Digital Transition: The proposed changes support the Council's digital strategy and ensure readiness for the national analogue-to-digital switchover by January 2027.
3. Service Continuity: transitional contract extensions ensures that there is no disruption in critical services while the new arrangements are being implemented.
4. Enhanced Support: The telecare service will evolve to include innovative solutions such as personal and environmental sensors, continuous monitoring, and immediate emergency responses, providing reassurance to users, carers, families, and friends
5. Cost-Effectiveness: Future tendering should be more cost-effective in the long term, offering savings and operational efficiencies.

**ITEM 17 - DISPOSAL OF BLACK HORSE YARD GARAGES, WATERLOO ROAD, UXBRIDGE**

Relevant Cabinet Members	Cllr Jonathan Bianco Cabinet Member for Corporate Services & Property
Relevant Ward(s)	Uxbridge
Relevant Select Committee	Corporate Resources & Infrastructure

**Information**

This report seeks approval from the Cabinet to sell the freehold interest in the garages located at Black Horse Yard, Waterloo Road, Uxbridge.

Key features from this proposal include:

1. Financially expedient: The sale is expected to generate a capital receipt which will contribute to the Council's financial targets for the year.
2. Efficiency: The disposal aligns with the Council's strategy to operate efficiently and improve the lives of residents by working with partners.
3. Addressing local issues: The garages are in poor condition, have low demand, and are associated with anti-social behaviour. Selling the property will help address these issues.
4. Supporting the Economy: The sale supports the Council's commitment to maintaining a thriving economy.