

## **Notice of London Borough of Hillingdon's response to the Section 24 Schedule 7(2) Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 recommendations issued by Ernst & Young LLP on 24 July 2025**

Following the issuance of statutory recommendations under Section 24 Schedule 7(2) of the Local Audit & Accountability Act 2014 by the Council's auditors, Ernst & Young LLP (EY), the Council took a report to its Audit Committee on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August where the Committee discussed the recommendations and the Council's report thereon.

The Statutory Recommendations Report can be accessed on the below link:

<https://modgov.hillingdon.gov.uk/documents/s64439/Statutory%20Recommendations%20Report.pdf>

The Council's covering report can be accessed on the below link:

<https://modgov.hillingdon.gov.uk/documents/s64438/External%20Audit%20S24%20Covering%20Report%20-%20August%202025.pdf>

Under the Act, local authorities have 30 days to discuss the recommendations in full Council, however, in this instance, EY used their statutory powers to allow the Council to extend this period to 11<sup>th</sup> September to ensure the Statutory Recommendation Report could be discussed after the summer recess and therefore ensure a higher level of attendance by Councillors than would have been the case if the meeting had taken place in August.

The Council therefore held a full Council meeting on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September where the recommendations were discussed and the vote held was in favour of the recommendations.

The report that was presented to full Council can be accessed on the below link:

<https://modgov.hillingdon.gov.uk/documents/s64510/250911%20-%2007%20-%20External%20Audit%20S24%20Report.pdf>

The Statutory Recommendations Report was also part of the full Council papers and can be accessed on the below link:

<https://modgov.hillingdon.gov.uk/documents/s64491/250911%20-%2007%20-%20Statutory%20Recommendations%20Report.pdf>

The minutes for this item are recorded on the Council's website under Item 26 in the below link:

[Hillingdon Council -Agenda for Council on Thursday, 11th September, 2025, 7.30 pm](#)

Progress on the implementation of the recommendations will be reported to Audit Committee through the coming year and will be reviewed by full Council after twelve months.

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