

## **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 10 - CORPORATE DISPOSALS PROGRAMME 2025/26 - MAD BESS WOOD COTTAGE, HAREFIELD

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

#### Information

Mad Bess Wood Cottage is a three-bedroom detached house located about two miles from Ruislip High Street. Following the service tenancy coming to an end, Cabinet will consider the disposal and sale of the cottage on the open market, contributing to the Council's Annual Disposal Target.

### ITEM 11 - CORPORATE DISPOSALS PROGRAMME 2025/26 - FORMER CARETAKERS HOUSE, WHITEHEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL, RUISLIP

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

#### Information

The report proposes the disposal and sale of the Caretaker's House at Whiteheath Junior School, Ruislip, as part of the Council's Corporate Disposals Programme for 2025/26. The property was previously used as tied accommodation, but the house has been vacated and surrendered back to the Council. Education Services have confirmed there is no further educational need for the property.

### ITEM 12 - CORPORATE DISPOSAL PROGRAMME 2025/26 - APPROPRIATION OF FORMER CARETAKERS HOUSE, 12 FORE STREET, EASTCOTE

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

#### Information

The report seeks Cabinet approval for the appropriation (transfer of use or ownership) of a former caretaker's house at 12 Fore Street, Eastcote, as part of the Council's wider Corporate Disposal Programme for 2025/26. The property is currently vacant and is deemed suitable for being transferred to the Housing Revenue Account, for use as part of the Council's housing portfolio supporting residents in housing need.