



OFFICIAL EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE PUBLISHED BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Notice is hereby given that the following decision(s) have been made today by Cabinet Members at the London Borough of Hillingdon:

Title of decision	ACCOMMODATION FOR OVER 18s (YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE CARE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES)
Reference No.	435
Date of decision	Tuesday 22 March 2022
Call-in expiry date	5pm, Tuesday 29 March 2022
Relevant Select Committee(s)	Families, Health and Wellbeing.
Relevant Ward(s)	All

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Ian Edwards – Leader of the Council Councillor Jane Palmer – Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care
	Approved That the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care agreed to expand the block purchase arrangements of shared accommodation placements with Upton Park Housing, Stef and Philips, and Centremark Properties for the provision of up to 44 rooms at a daily rate of £30 up to the value of £481,800.
Reason for decision	It is essential that Care Leavers are housed in suitable accommodation, depending on their age and needs. Without sufficient provision, young people over 18 remain in higher cost placements; this presents additional strain on budgets, while those young people are not in accommodation suitable to their needs.
Alternative options considered and rejected	The Council could have decided to take no action but young people over the age of 18 would remain in higher cost Semi Independent placements, which would create further pressure on the Children's Services budget and lead to inefficient use of more expensive supported placements. This approach would also reduce the Council's ability to prepare the young people

	for independence through a clear pathway supported by appropriate accommodation.
Classification	Part 2 – Members Only and Not for Publication
Link to associated report	<i>That this report be declared as exempt from publication as it involves the disclosure of information in accordance with Section 100(A) and paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), in that the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.</i>
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Tehseen Kauser – Social Care & Health Sally Offin - Finance
Any interest declared by the Cabinet Member(s) / dispensation granted	N/A

Implementation of decision & scrutiny call-in

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When can this decision be implemented by officers?	<p>Officers can implement Cabinet Member decision in this notice only from the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period which is:</p> <p>5pm, Tuesday 29 March 2022</p> <p>However, this is subject to the decision not being called in by Councillors on the relevant Select Committee. Upon receipt of a valid call-in request, Democratic Services will immediately advise the relevant officer(s) and the decision must then be put on hold.</p>
Councillor scrutiny call-in of this decision	<p>Councillors on the relevant Select Committee shown in this notice may request to call-in this decision. The request must be before the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period above.</p> <p>Councillors should use the Scrutiny Call-in App (link below) on their devices to initiate any call-in request. Further advice can be sought from Democratic Services if required:</p> <p>Scrutiny Call-In - Power Apps (secure)</p>
Further information	<p>These decisions, where applicable, have been taken under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.</p> <p>This is the formal notice by the Council of the above executive decision, including links to the reports where applicable.</p> <p>If you would like more information on this decision, please contact Democratic Services on 01895 250636 or email: democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk.</p>

	<p>Circulation of this decision notice is to a variety of people including Members of the Council, Corporate Directors, Officers, Group Secretariats and the Public. Copies are also placed on the Council's website.</p>
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