



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	Hire of Winter Maintenance Vehicles (Gritters)
Reference No.	509
Date of decision	Thursday 16 June 2022
Call-in expiry date	5pm, Thursday 23 June 2022
Relevant Select Committee	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee
Relevant Ward	All

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Jonathan Bianco – Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport Councillor Martin Goddard – Cabinet Member for Finance
	Approved That the Cabinet Members approved the award of the contract to Econ Engineering Limited for the hire of eight winter maintenance vehicles (Gritters) for 26 weeks, from 1st October 2022 through to the 31st March 2023 and the two years thereafter at a total cost of £156,260 for year 1 equating to £468,780 for a three-year contract term (£479,826 including £3,682 per annum for vehicle delivery and collection).
Reason for decision	Following a comprehensive review of alternative hire options, the award to Econ was considered to be the only viable route for award. No other single provider could provide the vehicles required and / or necessary operational support.
Alternative options considered and rejected	Cabinet Members could have chosen to purchase the Council's own fleet of gritters. However, for operational effectiveness it is important that gritters have maximum 'up time', so they are ready be deployed as required. The age profile of vehicles with the supporting maintenance regimes maximises operational reliability. If a Hillingdon vehicle broke down during a high usage period, there would be little opportunity to obtain replacement vehicles as demand would generally be high nationally. The added benefits related to not having to keep and insure vehicles on site for the 26 weeks of the year they are not used was also considered added value.

Classification	Part 2 – Members’ Only and Not for Publication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	Steve Gunter – Finance Trudie Eldriny - Finance
Any interest declared by the Cabinet Member(s) / dispensation granted	N/A

Implementation of decision & scrutiny call-in

[Internal Use only]	
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, Thursday 23 June 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>

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