



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	CAPITAL RELEASE REPORT (June 2022) DEPARTMENT: Resident Services SERVICE AREA / PROGRAMME: Environmental & Recreational Initiatives: Creation of Wildlife Corridor at Spider Park
Reference No.	584
Date of decision	Thursday 22 September 2022
Call-in expiry date	5pm, Thursday 29 September 2022
Relevant Select Committee	Residents' Services Select Committee
Relevant Wards	South Ruislip

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Eddie Lavery - Cabinet Member for Residents' Services Councillor Martin Goddard – Cabinet Member for Finance
	Approved That the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Residents' Services approve the capital release request of £41k budget comprising £36k Rewild London Fund grant and £5k revenue contribution for the creation of a wildlife corridor at Spider Park (Appendix A).
Reason for decision	<p>The project will transform over 2 hectares of monotonous, amenity grassland into a species rich hay meadow, providing multiple benefits, not only for overall biodiversity, but for aesthetic value and public enjoyment. Chosen areas of grassland will be left to grow on a hay cut regime, with hay removed from site in late summer.</p> <p>In addition, 8,000 tree whips will be planted to create woodland copses which would provide an additional new habitat for wildlife to thrive, transforming this site into a tranquil place.</p> <p>The project will include coppicing and pollarding mature crack willows, which will allow more light to penetrate riverbanks, whilst woodchip will be used for mulching new trees.</p>

Alternative options considered and rejected	The Cabinet Members may agree to fund the scheme and / or suggest alternative projects to which funds could be allocated within the terms of the relevant legal agreements.
Classification	Part 1 – Public
Link to associated report	https://hillington.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/CabinetMemberDecision/EQvceul_WVxAuYrHdUv1qv0BCU8vvQVvCObY9xAtBNxudg
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Dragana Knezevic, Place Directorate
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, Thursday 29 September 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><u>Scrutiny Call-In - Power Apps</u> (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>

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