



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	ENHANCEMENT OF THE VOID MINIMUM LETTABLE STANDARDS IN VACANT PROPERTIES
Reference No.	629
Date of decision	Wednesday 28 December 2022
Call-in expiry date	Thursday 5 January 2023
Relevant Select Committee	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee
Relevant Wards	All Wards

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Jonathan Bianco - Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport Councillor Eddie Lavery - Cabinet Member for Residents' Services
	Approved That the Cabinet Member for Residents' Services and Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport approved the enhancements to the minimum lettable voids standard (MLS) as set out in the 4 recommendations below: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Agreed the immediate amendment of the MLS to include the full decoration of the void property where needed, as detailed in the report.2) Agreed the replacement of kitchens, bathrooms, boilers, and windows at the major voids stage if they are already listed as scheduled for planned replacement or beyond reasonable repairs, where this can be contained within the current 20-day turnaround target.3) Agreed the assessment of properties in line with PAS 2035 for the installation of energy saving measures to increase the energy rating of the property; and,4) introduced an enhanced void standard for specific 'priority resettlement groups' as set out in Appendix B and reflected in the report.
Reason for decision	The implementation of the MLS standards will improve the lettings process, the condition of the housing stock and help to increase the numbers of planned works and energy performance requirements, ultimately benefiting residents.

Alternative options considered and rejected	Carry on with the current MLS which will not improve quality of properties for vulnerable residents.
Classification	Part 1 – Public
Link to associated report	Link
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Gary Penticost / Liam Bentley – 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>Thursday 5 January 2023</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> <p style="text-align: right;">Democratic Services</p>

