



## 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:

<b>Title of decision</b>	<b>ALTERNATIVE INTERIM TUITION PROVISION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND/OR DISABILITY (SEND)</b>
<b>Reference No.</b>	694
<b>Date of decision</b>	Friday 03 March 2023
<b>Call-in expiry date</b>	Friday 10 March 2023
<b>Relevant Select Committee</b>	Children, Families and Education Select Committee
<b>Relevant Wards</b>	All wards

### Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Ian Edwards – Leader of the Council Councillor Susan O'Brien - Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education
	<b>Approved</b>  That the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education:  1) Accepted the single tender from Asend for the provision of grouped SEND Tuition Services to the London Borough of Hillingdon for a one-year period from 1 March 2023 to the 29 Feb 2024 and at the maximum expenditure of £333,486;  2) Agreed that the Executive Director of Education and SEND, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education, may extend the contract until completion of the academic year (July 2024) at a maximum value of £150,000, subject to performance; and  3) Agreed the ongoing use of 1:1 tuition through spot provision where the grouped service is at capacity or deemed not suitable for a particular child or young person.
<b>Reason for decision</b>	The transition to interim tuition in a group setting as opposed to in the home, where possible, had two advantages:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It would support children and young people to return to a school environment at an earlier date, with the educational attainment, and the emotional and socialisation benefits which a school placement brings.</li> <li>It would provide a £199k saving against the provision of SEND tuition, which will improve efficiencies within the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) budget.</li> </ul>
<b>Alternative options considered and rejected</b>	<p>A full tender process – This was not considered achievable to mobilise the services in the required amount of time. The 12-month term allows the concept to be piloted, benefits and lessons learned understood prior to a formal tender process commencing at the end of 2023.</p> <p>To take no action – This was not recommended as the Council would not benefit from the cost saving which forms part of the DSG Safety Valve programme. This would also result in the cohort of children and young people not benefitting from social interaction with peers whilst awaiting a school placement.</p>
<b>Classification</b>	Part II – Members' Only and Not for Publication
<b>Link to associated report</b>	<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>
<b>Relevant Officer contact &amp; Directorate</b>	Dominika Michalik – Children and Young People's Services
<b>Any interest declared by the Cabinet Member(s) / dispensation granted</b>	N/A

### **Implementation of decision & scrutiny call-in**

<b>[Internal Use only]</b>	
<b>When can this decision be implemented by officers?</b>	<p>Officers can implement Cabinet Member decision in this notice only from the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period which is:</p> <p><b>5pm on Friday 10 March 2023</b></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>

<b>Councillor scrutiny call-in of this decision</b>	<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><a href="#">Scrutiny Call-In - Power Apps</a> (secure)</p>
<b>Further information</b>	<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: <a href="mailto:democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk">democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk</a>.</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;"><b>Democratic Services London Borough of Hillingdon Civic Centre High Street Uxbridge UB8 1UW</b></p>