



OFFICIAL EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE

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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 (February 2023) DEPARTMENT: Waste/ Place SERVICE AREA/ PROGRAMME: Housing Revenue Account Works to Stock Programme 2022/ 2023: Warm Safe Dry Workstream – Provision for 300 Food Waste Housing Units for residents living in Council-owned communal flats to enable recycling of food waste. RELEASE NO: 36
Reference No.	733
Date of decision	Wednesday 12 April 2023
Call-in expiry date	Wednesday 19 April 2023
Relevant Select Committee	Residents' Services Select Committee
Relevant Wards	All Wards

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Martin Goddard – Cabinet Member for Finance Councillor Eddie Lavery – Cabinet Member for Residents' Services Councillor Jonathan Bianco – Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport
	Approved That the Cabinet Member for Finance, the Cabinet Member for Residents' Services and the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport agreed to the following capital release requests of £167k from the Warm Safe Dry workstream within the Housing Revenue Account Works to Stock Programme 2022/23 capital budget for the provision of 300 Food Waste Housing Units for residents living in Council-owned communal flats to enable the recycling of food waste. (Appendix A of the associated report).
Reason for decision	Hillingdon's most recently published recycling rate was 37.4% for the 2019/20 financial year. In order to meet the London-wide target of recycling 50% of household waste by 2025, the Council must make its recycling services even more accessible to all residents. The recycling team has been enhancing facilities at Hillingdon's High Rise and Low to Medium Rise Block properties by introducing new recycling bins and signs and improving the location of the bins to make it easier for residents of these flats to recycle their waste more effectively. The introduction of food

	<p>waste facilities to flats will not only complement existing recycling services but should also provide the opportunity for cost savings via diversion of food waste (which when segregated attracts a significantly lower gate fee) from the residual stream.</p> <p>More detail regarding the potential cost impact of the recommendation is provided within the Financial Implications section of this report.</p> <p>The Council has also committed to the Climate Action Plan to protect and enhance the environment, and to provide a brighter prospect for future generations. Recycling food waste will contribute to reducing carbon emissions, linking in with objective C5, Waste Management, of the plan.</p>
Alternative options considered and rejected	<p>An alternative option is not to recycle food waste in flats and for residents to continue to place food in their residual waste. This option is not desired as (i) residual waste disposal costs are much higher than those for segregated food waste and (ii) is not consistent with the London Environment Strategy target that separate food waste collections should be provided to all properties, including purpose-built flats, by 2024. There is a risk that this option would have legal implications given that The Environment Act 2021 includes a requirement for every household to receive a separate food waste collection service.</p> <p>A waste composition analysis conducted in November 2022 indicated that food waste accounted for c.38% of the communal residual material collected from flats. As disposal costs for residual waste are significantly higher than those for recycling food waste this situation is detrimental to the Council's waste budgets.</p>
Classification	Part I – Public
Link to associated report	Here .
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Anna Humphries – Place Directorate
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 on Wednesday 19 April 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 London Borough of Hillingdon Civic Centre High Street Uxbridge UB8 1UW</p>