



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 (April 2023) DEPARTMENT: Residents' Services SERVICE AREA / PROGRAMME: Environmental & Recreational Initiatives: Creation of Wildlife Corridor at The Grove
Reference No.	765
Date of decision	Wednesday 26 April 2023
Call-in expiry date	Thursday 4 May 2023
Relevant Select Committee	Residents' Services Select Committee
Relevant Wards	Uxbridge

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Martin Goddard – Cabinet Member for Finance Councillor Eddie Lavery – Cabinet Member for Residents' Services
	Approved That the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Residents' Services approved the capital release request of £56k budget comprising £49k Rewild London Fund grant and £7k revenue contribution for habitat restoration at The Grove.
Reason for decision	<p>The project aim is to enhance the existing features at The Grove and to hence preserve and increase the populations of flora and fauna within the existing habitats - in addition to further developing the reserve as a good example of urban nature conservation.</p> <p>At present the existing trees around the ponds in The Grove are closed and overgrown, casting heavy shade over the ponds with no aquatic vegetation. Also, dead and/or decaying leaves increase the nutritional value of the water in the pond, triggering an abundance of duckweed. Reduction of the canopy of mature trees and removal of smaller sycamore and holly trees will allow more light to penetrate the pond and marginal vegetation to establish. Following the pond restoration, appropriate planting of wetland species (undertaken by volunteers) will provide a home for invertebrates and amphibians and improve the overall biodiversity of the site.</p>

Alternative options considered and rejected	The Cabinet Members could have agreed to fund the scheme and / or suggested alternative projects to which funds could be allocated within the terms of the relevant legal agreements.
Classification	Part I – Public
Link to associated report	Report
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 on Thursday 4 May 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</p>

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