



# 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>SINGLE TENDER AWARD FOR ONE YEAR TO HILLINGDON MIND AND CITIZENS ADVICE HILLINGDON</b>
<b>Reference No.</b>	786
<b>Date of decision</b>	Friday 12 May 2023
<b>Call-in expiry date</b>	Friday 19 May 2023
<b>Relevant Select Committee</b>	Health and Social Care Select Committee
<b>Relevant Wards</b>	All

## Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	<p>Councillor Ian Edwards – Leader of the Council Councillor Susan O'Brien – Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education</p> <p>Also on behalf of Councillor Jane Palmer – Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care</p>
	<p><b>Approved</b></p> <p><b>That the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Children, Families &amp; Education, and on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Health &amp; Social Care:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Approved the single tender award to Hillingdon Mind for one-year, for the provision of a Mental Health Early Intervention/ Prevention Programme, authorising approval of any extension to the Executive Director of Adult Services and Health, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care; and</b></li><li><b>2. Approved the single tender award to Citizens Advice Hillingdon for one-year, for the provision of Welfare Benefits and Debt Advice for People with Mental Health Needs, authorising approval of any extension to the Executive Director of Adult Services and Health, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care.</b></li></ol>
<b>Reason for decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Approving Hillingdon Mind and Citizens Advice Hillingdon for a one-year term will provide financial stability, which will assist with retention of staff. Contract stability will</b></li></ol>

	<p>enable the providers to continue to provide and develop support groups and services. This will assist in preventing or delaying the escalation of need that can result in a loss of independence and increased demand on social care services.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The one-year award will also enable the current contracted spend with the two organisations to be considered alongside future arrangements for commissioning that will succeed the award of core grants from the 2024/25 financial year. Cabinet agreed in December 2022 that the core grants programme would cease from end of the 2023/24 financial year to be replaced by a programme of longer term commissioned services based on needs and to provide early intervention.</li> <li>3. Mental Health Early Intervention/ Prevention Programme: The primary purpose of the contract is to support the independence of Hillingdon residents living with severe and enduring mental illness through time limited interventions intended to prevent an escalation of need that can result in increased demand on social care and other statutory services. The service provides a social inclusion programme supporting individuals to benefit from establishing support networks within their local community. The service also provides a range of regular safe “hubs”. The service provision is delivered under two overarching themes, Recovery and Therapy, which will provide a range of interventions from one-to-one mental health assessments, social support groups, information, psychotherapeutic groups, signposting and active referral to other services, however the primary focus is placed on preventative services, early intervention, building resilience and promoting good mental health and wellbeing.</li> <li>4. Welfare Benefits and Debt Advice for People with Mental Health Needs: Concern about debt is one of those tipping points that can result in a person living with mental health needs becoming unwell. The service is intended to maximise the income of any resident who has a severe and enduring mental health need who is in contact with mental health services. The service seeks to maximise income as well as providing practical assistance in managing financial obligations.</li> <li>5. The Mental Health Early Intervention/ Prevention Programme has seen a significant increase in activity during the period of the contract and for both services</li> </ol>
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	there have been positive outcomes through the contract monitoring process during this period.
<b>Alternative options considered and rejected</b>	<p>Competitive tender - it is not quite the right time for this, as it would be more beneficial for residents to tender considering the wider service offer including reviewing the benefit of services which the core grant provides for and allowing time to ensure officers have engaged with other partners such as the ICB. This would enable a future tender for a longer-term arrangement which meets the scope of the needs in the Borough.</p> <p>Discontinue the services - this is not recommended as these services are a preventative measure for those with mental health vulnerabilities and provide needed mental health support for the community.</p>
<b>Classification</b>	Part II – Members’ Only and Not for Publication
<b>Link to associated report</b>	<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>
<b>Relevant Officer contact &amp; Directorate</b>	Graham Puckering – Adult Services and Health Directorate
<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 19 May 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>	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>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><b><u><a href="#">Scrutiny Call-In - Power Apps</a></u></b> (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>