



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	Tree Strategy 2023
Reference No.	818
Date of decision	Wednesday 05 July 2023
Call-in expiry date	Wednesday 12 July 2023
Relevant Select Committee	Residents' Services Select Committee
Relevant Wards	All

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Eddie Lavery – Cabinet Member for Residents' Services Select Committee
Decision	Approved That the Cabinet Member for Residents' Services agreed to adopt the new Tree Strategy as policy and delegated authority to the Head of Green Spaces, in Consultation with the Cabinet Member for Residents' Services, to complete a review every three years and update the policy as required.
Reason for decision	<p>Currently the Council's tree stock is mainly managed on a reactive basis with best Arboricultural practice in mind but no set guidelines as to the criteria for completing tree work.</p> <p>The Tree strategy includes clear and unambiguous policy information and guidance on how officers will manage the Borough's trees to ensure that the Council meets its duty of care and legal and health and safety obligations. It also provides key information for residents and other stakeholders including contractors.</p> <p>A set policy will ensure our tree stock is managed efficiently and all enquiries are dealt with in a standardised manner.</p>
Alternative options considered and rejected	<p>The alternative is to continue managing parks and highways' trees on a reactive basis. This does not use officers' time in an effective way and leads to some trees being inspected frequently and others not at all. This in turn leaves the Council vulnerable to more insurance claims and a higher volume of emergency tree work, which is not an effective use of time or budget.</p>

Classification	Part I – Public
Link to associated report	Report Link
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Sophie Coughlan – 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 12 July 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</p>

