



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 (August 2023) DEPARTMENT: Place SERVICE AREA / PROGRAMME: Housing Revenue Account Works to Stock Programme 2023/2024: Fire Safety Workstream: Automatic Opening Vents & Associated Ventilation Equipment within High Rise Residential Buildings Design and Consultancy RELEASE NO 16
Reference No.	890
Date of decision	Tuesday 10 October 2023
Call-in expiry date	Tuesday 17 October 2023
Relevant Select Committee	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee
Relevant Wards	Uxbridge and Wood End

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Martin Goddard – Cabinet Member for Finance Councillor Jonathan Bianco – Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport
Decision	Approved That the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways & Transport agreed to the capital release request of £42k from the Fire Safety Workstream within the HRA Works to Stock Programme 2023/24 capital budget for the Design & Consultancy Fees for the Automatic Opening Vents & Associated Ventilation Equipment within High Rise Buildings (Appendix A).
Reason for decision	<p>The Council is currently responsible for 10 High Rise Residential Buildings with Automatic Opening Vents (AOVs). This report is seeking the release of £42k for the design and consultancy fees in relation to the Automatic Opening Vents and Associated Ventilation Equipment within Harding House, Sutcliffe House and Rabbs Mill House high rise buildings.</p> <p>These vents play a crucial role in meeting fire safety regulations for high-rise buildings. The vents are designed to activate when smoke is detected in the communal areas, particularly the floor</p>

	<p>corridors. The current AOVs are included in the maintenance contract for the fire detection equipment. However, after a recent servicing, it has been recommended that these units should be replaced due to their age and reliability issues. The age of these units surpasses the recommended life cycle replacement according to Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE) guidelines, and they also fail to comply with the latest British Standards (BS) such as BS1201, BS9999, and BS7346-8.</p> <p>Whilst the existing systems are operational, it is recommended that we begin a phased replacement and upgrade to ensure that all the High-Rise Residential Buildings continue to have operational AOVs.</p>
Alternative options considered and rejected	No other options for carrying out these works were considered.
Classification	Part I – Public
Link to associated report	Report Link
Relevant Officer contacts & Directorate	John Phillips – 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 Tuesday 17 October 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@hillington.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>
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