



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 (September 2023) DEPARTMENT: CENTRAL SERVICES SERVICE AREA / PROGRAMME: Corporate Technology & Innovation 2023/24 Capital Release - Remote Sites UPS Devices Replacements RELEASE NO: 4
Reference No.	930
Date of decision	Monday 06 November 2023
Call-in expiry date	Monday 13 November 2023
Relevant Select Committee	Finance and Corporate Services Select Committee
Relevant Wards	N/A

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Martin Goddard – Cabinet Member for Finance Councillor Douglas Mills – Cabinet Member for Corporate Services
Decision	Approved That the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services agreed to the capital release request of £60k from the 2023/24 Corporate Technology & Innovation Programme budget to fund the provision of replacement UPS devices at various locations listed across the borough (Appendix A).
Reason for decision	<p>Key remote sites across the borough have their network infrastructure protected by an Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS) device, which ensures the network continues to function for a period should the mains power develop a fault.</p> <p>The existing UPS devices were manufactured over 10 years ago and their current complement of battery units are over 5 years old. This has resulted in degraded performance and a shortened support period and even failure in some cases. This is in addition to the devices being past the vendor-recommended age and therefore unsupported.</p> <p>Recent Power Supply issues in the borough resulted in the full depletion of some battery units at several sites such as Uxbridge Library, and they will no longer hold a charge. The on-premise network infrastructure in Uxbridge Library is therefore currently</p>

	<p>running with a direct connection to the incoming electrical power supply. If the electrical supply to the network communications room fails, all equipment will switch off immediately, meaning a loss of service until power is restored and infrastructure is brought back online and could result in potential lasting damage to unprotected electrical equipment.</p> <p>This situation is multiplied across various sites that provide services for residents, including Libraries, Theatres, and Harefield Amenities and Recycling Centre. Further sites at risk include those that perform critical Council roles such as Heathrow Imported Food Office, Breakspear Crematorium, and the Repairs Services based at Harlington Road Depot.</p>
Alternative options considered and rejected	<p>1. Do nothing: The UPS equipment would continue to operate in a degraded state and be immediately susceptible to any power failures or surges. This option is not recommended.</p> <p>2. Replace all batteries in the existing UPS devices. Whilst this option may initially appear to be less costly in the short-term, it is not a recommended solution as the existing UPS devices are 10 years old, meaning support for other components within the UPS devices will be difficult / costly to arrange as technologies reach end of production lifecycles. This option is not recommended.</p> <p>3. Remove the UPS devices and run the network infrastructure on mains power directly. This would incur no cost but would leave the network infrastructure kit exposed to any form of fluctuation and fault, with no surge protection at all. This option is not recommended.</p>
Classification	Part I – Public
Link to associated report	Report Link
Relevant Officer contacts & Directorate	Matt Smith – Central Services Directorate Michael Clarke – Central Services 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 Monday 13 November 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><u>Scrutiny Call-In - Power Apps</u> (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>