



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	NEW ALLOCATION OF S106 CONTRIBUTIONS 2023/24: CONTRACT AWARD FOR PROVISION OF AN AIR QUALITY MONITORING SERVICE
Reference No.	931
Date of decision	Monday 06 November 2023
Call-in expiry date	Monday 13 November 2023
Relevant Select Committee	Residents' Services Select Committee
Relevant Wards	N/A

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Martin Goddard – Cabinet Member for Finance Councillor Eddie Lavery – Cabinet Member for Residents' Services
Decision	Approved That the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Residents' Services: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Accepted the tender and approved the award of a five-year contract (Nov 2023 – Oct 2028) to Ricardo AEA Ltd for £234,750 to provide an air quality monitoring service; and2. Approved that a total of £234,750 from the S106 air quality contributions held by the Council be allocated towards the provision of the air quality monitoring service contract for a period of 5 years.
Reason for decision	<p>The Council is legally required to manage local air quality. Part of this legal obligation also requires annual status reports to be produced based on an effective and comprehensive monitoring system.</p> <p>The Council's current contract for the provision of air quality monitoring will terminate in October 2023 and the new contract should be effective from November 2023 to secure continuity of the monitoring network and data capture standards. Ricardo has assisted the Council to continuously monitor ambient air quality,</p>

	<p>provide good quality data to all users in full compliance with current legislation and technical standards.</p> <p>The service will be fully funded from financial contributions received from developers for the purpose of discharging S106 air quality obligations and therefore presents no direct cost to the Council.</p>
Alternative options considered and rejected	<p>The Environment Act 1995 introduces the Local Air Quality Management framework. Under this framework, local authorities must assess their air quality for the specified pollutants and submit their Annual Status Reports.</p> <p>The monitoring and reporting of air quality is a legal requirement for the Council and therefore it is necessary to ensure that this workstream continues. The provision of air quality monitoring is a specialised field. A tender exercise was undertaken to identify a provider able to meet the Council's requirements. The Council does not currently have the in-house expertise to undertake its own monitoring and without the support of a third party would not be able to meet current statutory requirements.</p> <p>If the Cabinet members had not agreed to the funding of the monitoring from S106, then alternative funding would have needed to be found and alternative projects identified that accorded with the relevant legal agreements. If the S106 funds had not been allocated to an appropriate scheme, the unspent funds may have needed to be refunded, including any interest accrued to date.</p>
Classification	Part II – Members Only and Not for Publication
Link to associated report	<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>
Relevant Officer contacts & Directorate	Ian Thynne / Nicola Wyatt - 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 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>