



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:

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| Title of decision | COMMERCIAL PROPERTY RENT REVIEW – 31 HIGH ROAD, COWLEY |
| Reference No. | 941 |
| Date of decision | Wednesday 22 November 2023 |
| Call-in expiry date | Wednesday 29 November 2023 |
| Relevant Select Committee | Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee |
| Relevant Wards | Colham and Cowley |

Decision made

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| Cabinet Members making the decision | Councillor Ian Edwards – Leader of the Council Councillor Jonathan Bianco – Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport |
| Decision | Approved That the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport agreed with the rent negotiated by officers as detailed in this report and instructed Property and Estates to complete the appropriate rent review memorandum. |
| Reason for decision | Lengthy negotiations have taken place with the tenant and a substantial rental increase has been agreed in principle, resulting in an income increase for the General Fund. This increase, showing a 13% uplift, is particularly positive in the current difficult property climate, after the backdrop of lockdown period and its peripheral effects. Officers are confident that this is the maximum achievable rental increase for this rent review. |
| Alternative options considered and rejected | The alternative is not to approve the agreed-in-principle rental increase for this rent review. This is likely to lead to the rent review being referred for third party determination by arbitration. This action will involve a degree of risk as third-party determination may result in a rental figure being determined above or below the rent negotiated between parties and result in substantial arbitration fees on both sides. |
| Classification | Part II – Members Only and Not for Publication |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 paragraphs 1 & 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), in that the report contains information relating to any individual and information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual</i> |

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| | <i>and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.</i> |
| Relevant Officer contacts & Directorate | Ola Alade – Place Directorate |
| Any interest declared by the Cabinet Member(s) / dispensation granted | N/A |

Implementation of decision & scrutiny call-in

| [Internal Use only] | |
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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 Wednesday 29 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</p> |

