



OFFICIAL EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE PUBLISHED BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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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 (April 2024) DIRECTORATE: Education & SEND SERVICE AREA / PROGRAMME: School Place Planning – Wood End Park Academy RELEASE NO: 3
Reference No.	1099
Date of decision	Friday 12 April 2024
Call-in expiry date	SPECIAL URGENCY N/A – This decision comes into immediate effect
Relevant Select Committees	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee
Relevant Ward	N/A

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	The Leader of the Council <u>in conjunction</u> with the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education and <u>on behalf</u> of the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport and the Cabinet Member for Finance
	APPROVED That the Leader of the Council, in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Finance, the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport and Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Note the cost increase to the Wood End SEND project by £324k from £1,811k to £2,134k; and,2. Agree to the capital release request of £324k to meet the increased cost for the provision of 24 new ASD places at Wood End Park Academy. The release is being proposed from the General Capital Contingency Fund, which will be ratified through Cabinet (Appendix A).
Reason for decision	This decision agreed additional funds to finish the new 24 place Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) unit at the Wood End Park Academy where the project has been delayed. The project is being managed by The Park Federation Academy Trust.

	<p>The funding release will cover the increase in the cost of the project, particularly the mechanical and electrical services aspect of the build.</p> <p>This supports the delivery of the Safety Valve agreement with the Department for Education to reduce the deficit in the Schools Budget.</p>
Alternative options considered and rejected	Not progressing with this proposed scheme will increase the use of expensive out of Borough and/or independent Special School places.
Classification	Part II – Members’ Only and Not for Publication
Link to associated report	<i>N/A - the report associated with this decision was declared as exempt from publication as it involved 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 contained information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person (including the authority holding that information) and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighed the public interest in disclosing it.</i>
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	James Rogers, Children’s Services 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>This decision was taken under special urgency procedures in the Council Constitution and deemed urgent by The Leader of the Council in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education and on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport and the Cabinet Member for Finance</p> <p>The reasons for urgency are to provide the necessary funds to undertake the building works to provide the essential ASD / SEND places required and a tight construction programme to deliver this by the Wood End Park Academy. This will help ensure SEND provision can be provided in-Borough at the relevant time and mitigate need for more expensive out of Borough or independent provision.</p>

	<p>Agreement that the matter was urgent and could not have been reasonably deferred, along with the waiver of the scrutiny call-in period, was also granted by the Chair of the Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee.</p> <p>THIS DECISION THEREFORE COMES INTO IMMEDIATE EFFECT.</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. This is the formal notice by the Council of the above executive decision, including links to the reports where applicable. If you would like more information on this decision, please contact Democratic Services on 01895 250636 or email: democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk. Circulation of this decision notice is to a variety of people including Members of the Council, Corporate & Executive Directors, Officers 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>