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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	HILLINGDON BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMME
Reference No.	1101
Date of decision	Friday 26 April 2024
Call-in expiry date	Friday 3 May 2024
Relevant Select Committee	Residents' Services Select Committee
Relevant Wards	N/A

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Ian Edwards – Leader of the Council
Decision	<p>Approved</p> <p>That the Leader of the Council accepts the tender from Hillingdon Chamber of Commerce for the Provision of a Hillingdon Business Support Project for a twelve-month period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 and at the value of £206,046 subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• interim quarterly performance targets are agreed with the Chamber of Commerce that, if achieved, would satisfy the grant conditions of the GLA• with exception of the initial start-up payment to be made to the Chamber of Commerce all other payments are made in arrears and conditional upon delivery against the interim targets.
Reason for decision	The reason for these caveats is to protect the Council from financial loss should, at the end of the contract period, the Chamber of Commerce not be able to satisfy the GLA that the grant conditions have been fulfilled resulting in the grant not being paid to the Council.
Alternative options considered and rejected	<p>The GLA has allocated funding to all London boroughs to enable the delivery of business support. There is no provision within the agreement governing the allocation of UKSP funding to propose using funding on initiatives other than business support.</p> <p>The Council could decide not to participate in the UKSPF programme and therefore not provide any support to local businesses. It is anticipated that the Government will shortly announce arrangements for the next round of UKSP funding, to</p>

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	be available from April 2025. If Hillingdon does not participate in this current delivery round, there is a danger that it will have a reduced allocation or indeed not be invited to participate in future rounds.
Classification	Part II – Members Only and Not for Publication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 contact & Directorate	Jaspreet Ruprah – Central Services Directorate Mathieu Rogers – Central Services Directorate
Any interest declared by the Cabinet Member(s) / dispensation granted	The Cabinet Member for Residents' Services, Councillor Eddie Lavery, was not involved in the decision making on this matter due to being a member of the advisory council of Hillingdon Chamber of Commerce.

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 Friday 3 May 2024</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@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>
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