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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 (May 2024) DIRECTORATE: Place SERVICE AREA/ PROGRAMME: Street Lighting Programme 2024/25 RELEASE NO: 1
Reference No.	1119
Date of decision	Thursday 06 June 2024
Call-in expiry date	Thursday 13 June 2024
Relevant Select Committee	Corporate Resources and Infrastructure Select Committee
Relevant Wards	N/A

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Jonathan Bianco – Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport Councillor Martin Goddard – Cabinet Member for Finance
Decision	Approved That the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport and the Cabinet Member for Finance agreed to the capital release request of £925k from the Street Lighting Replacement Programme 2024/25 capital budget for the funding of replacing lighting columns that have reached the end of their useful economic life (Appendix B to the report) and column painting (Appendix C to the report).
Reason for decision	<p>A current major issue is the structural deterioration of the ageing lighting column stock. The vast majority of columns in the Borough are galvanised mild steel which tend to corrode below ground level, resulting in a high risk of structural failure if continued investment is not programmed.</p> <p>The project consists of the prioritised based replacement of lighting columns that have reached the end of their life expectancy. The priority is determined from structural testing and inspections. The 549-column replacement programme for 2024/25 is based on the results of structural testing of 2,500 columns completed in 2019 and the condition of street lighting assets recorded by the contractor during maintenance work determined on current street lighting asset life expectancy data. Furthermore complaints, petitions and members enquiries were</p>

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	<p>reviewed and proposed for replacement due to the condition of the columns and inadequate lighting levels.</p> <p>To assist the Council's commitment to the climate emergency, the columns replacement programme has been reviewed to replace the columns with provision for the electric vehicle charging point where the driveway facilities are unavailable, if the demand arises in the future.</p> <p>The project also consists of the lighting column painting to prolong the life of the asset.</p> <p>These works will be undertaken by the Council's Street lighting term service contractor J McCann. This capital scheme will deliver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved asset condition – resulting in a significantly reduced risk of failure due to poor condition. • To ensure that the lighting installed across the Borough is consistent and adheres with current guidance and standards. • Value-for-money and reduced maintenance costs – reduce the ongoing cost of routine maintenance and non-routine maintenance. • Improved lighting level for the safety. • The structural testing will help to identify the high-risk areas to eliminate the risk of catastrophic structural column failure in a timely manner. The consequences of such failure may result in injury, death or damage to property. <p>The street lighting team will continue to monitor and compile a non-compliance road list when identified as a result night lamp scout checks, members enquiries, complaints, or petition reports.</p> <p>Details of the replacement lighting columns that have reached the end of their useful economic life is in Appendix B to the report. Those where column painting is required is shown in Appendix C to the report.</p>
Alternative options considered and rejected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To make safe columns identified as defective and in need of replacement by cutting them down without replacement - this would leave roads without street lighting. • To follow the previous maintenance policy by carrying out reactive maintenance work only without a planned column replacement programme. • To find alternative funding.
Classification	Part I – Public

Link to associated report	Here
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Roy Thabrew – Place 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>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 Thursday 13 June 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>