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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:

<b>Title of decision</b>	<b>PROVISION OF A FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SUPPORT AND PLANNING APPLICATION REVIEW SERVICE</b>
<b>Reference No.</b>	1192
<b>Date of decision</b>	Tuesday 06 August 2024
<b>Call-in expiry date</b>	Tuesday 13 August 2024
<b>Relevant Select Committee</b>	Residents' Services Select Committee
<b>Relevant Wards</b>	N/A

### Decision made

<b>Cabinet Members making the decision</b>	Councillor Ian Edwards – Leader of the Council Councillor Eddie Lavery – Cabinet Member for Residents' Services
<b>Decision</b>	<b>Approved</b>  That the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Residents' Services:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Accepted the tender from Metis Consultants Ltd. for the provision of a Flood Risk Management Support and Planning Application Review Service to the London Borough of Hillingdon for a 3-year period from 02 September 2024 to 01 September 2027 and at the value of £301,056; and</li><li>2. Furthermore, agreed that this includes the provision to extend the contract for a 2-year period (5 years in total), subject to satisfactory performance and authorises any approval of this by the Corporate Director of Central Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Residents' Services</li></ol>
<b>Reason for decision</b>	The current contract arrangement with Metis Consultants Ltd is due to expire at the end of August 2024. The Council has undertaken a competitive tender exercise to ensure compliance with the Council's Standing Orders and the recommendation to appoint Metis Consultants Ltd demonstrates value for money.
<b>Alternative options considered and rejected</b>	To continue to appoint Metis Consultants Ltd to short-term contracts through the London Borough of Ealing Framework Agreement, alongside undertaking further permanent recruitment activities. This was not considered a suitable option as the Council is not able to demonstrate value for money and

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	<p>recruitment efforts over the last two years have been unsuccessful due to the competitive market and lack of qualified resources in the industry.</p> <p>To reduce the service offering in line with current capacity, with the Head of Environmental Specialists managing key areas of risk. This was not considered a viable option as this greatly reduces the available service to residents, limits the service's ability to meet statutory obligations and limits the service's ability to secure external funding and progress flood alleviation schemes.</p>
<b>Classification</b>	Part II – Members Only and Not for Publication
<b>Link to associated report</b>	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.
<b>Relevant Officer contact &amp; Directorate</b>	Ian Thynne – Planning, Regeneration and Environment
<b>Any interest declared by the Cabinet Member(s) / dispensation granted</b>	N/A

### **Implementation of decision & scrutiny call-in**

<b>[Internal Use only]</b>	
<b>When can this decision be implemented by officers?</b>	<p>Officers can implement Cabinet Member decision in this notice only from the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period which is:</p> <p><b>5pm on Tuesday 13 August 2024</b></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>
<b>Councillor scrutiny call-in of this decision</b>	<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><a href="#">Scrutiny Call-In - Power Apps</a> (secure)</p>

<b>Further information</b>	<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: <a href="mailto:democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk">democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk</a>.</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;"><b>Democratic Services London Borough of Hillingdon Civic Centre High Street Uxbridge UB8 1UW</b></p>
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