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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>Policy on Supporting Schools in Financial Difficulty</b>
<b>Reference No.</b>	1199
<b>Date of decision</b>	Thursday 19 September 2024
<b>Call-in expiry date</b>	Thursday 26 September 2024
<b>Relevant Select Committee</b>	Children, Families and Education Select Committee
<b>Relevant Wards</b>	Not applicable

### Decision made

<b>Cabinet Members making the decision</b>	Councillor Martin Goddard – Cabinet Member for Finance Councillor Susan O'Brien – Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education
<b>Decision</b>	<b>Approved</b>  <b>That the Cabinet Members approve the new policy for “Supporting schools in financial difficulty” to enable schools to be supported to be financially sustainable.</b>
<b>Reason for decision</b>	<p>Schools are increasingly finding it more challenging to operate within the budgets they are provided. The Local Authority has a duty to support maintained schools to manage their schools within budget as well as intervening when schools are in a declining financial position.</p> <p>The Education Improvement service along with the finance service are working closely together to ensure there is a clear framework for schools to understand how we will support schools and what role the Local Authority has in helping schools to improve their financial position, including the types of interventions that may be applied.</p> <p>This new policy aims to outline the support available, how the teams will classify schools based on their financial position and therefore what that support will look like. It also outlines the support and challenge for schools where the financial position is declining and where there may be concerns about the school or governing board's ability to improve the financial position.</p>

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<b>Alternative options considered and rejected</b>	The other options are to:  1. not have a policy which outlines the support and intervention for schools in financial difficulties or 2. adopt a different approach to the way we support our schools, to that outlined in the policy.
<b>Classification</b>	Part I – Public
<b>Link to associated report</b>	<a href="#">Here</a>
<b>Relevant Officer contact &amp; Directorate</b>	Abi Preston – Director of Education & SEND Danny Doherty – Head of Children’s Finance
<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 Thursday 26 September 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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