



## 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>Contract Extension - Provision of Christmas Lights Scheme 2024</b>
<b>Reference No.</b>	1208
<b>Date of decision</b>	Wednesday 28 August 2024
<b>Call-in expiry date</b>	Wednesday 4 September 2024
<b>Relevant Select Committee</b>	Residents' Services Select Committee
<b>Relevant Wards</b>	All

### 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 and Cabinet Member for Residents' Services:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Agreed to extend the current contract with Event Power Engineering Ltd for the provision of the Christmas lights programme for a one-year period from 3 August 2024 to 2 August 2025 at a cost of £159,485.</li><li>2. Approved the overall Hillingdon Christmas lights 2024 programme and associated expenditure, totalling £229,789 as set out in the report, which includes displays, Christmas trees and community grants.</li><li>3. Authorised the direct award of grants to the four community organisations who manage their lighting schemes directly, as set out in this report.</li><li>4. Approved the use of General Contingency to fund the planned spend, with this funding strategy requiring Cabinet ratification.</li></ol>
<b>Reason for decision</b>	Good quality Christmas lighting displays create civic pride and provide a positive and festive boost for residents and businesses alike, especially during the darker winter months.

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	The recommendations will ensure that Christmas lighting displays can go ahead across 32 town and neighbourhood centres.
<b>Alternative options considered and rejected</b>	The Leader and Cabinet Member could decide not to accept the recommendation. This would mean that the Christmas lights programme would not be implemented as recommended and the subsequent benefits to residents and businesses would not be fully realised.
<b>Classification</b>	Part II - Members' Only and Not for Publication
<b>Link to associated report</b>	<b><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></b>
<b>Relevant Officer contact &amp; Directorate</b>	Natasha Norton – Place Directorate
<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 Wednesday 4 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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