



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	ALTERNATIVE INTERIM TUITION PROVISION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND/OR DISABILITY (SEND)
Reference No.	1213
Date of decision	Friday 29 November 2024
Call-in expiry date	Friday 06 December 2024
Relevant Select Committee	Children, Families & Education Select Committee
Relevant Wards	All

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Ian Edwards, Leader of the Council Councillor Susan O'Brien, Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education
Decision	Approved That the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education accepted the single tender from ASEND for the provision of group SEND Tuition Services to the London Borough of Hillingdon for a one-year period from 01 September 2024 to the 31 August 2025 and at the maximum expenditure of £384,186, although the expected spend is £333,486, based on 16 children and young people attending.
Reason for decision	Enabling children and young people to access interim tuition in a group setting as opposed to individually at home, or in the community, has two key advantages: • It will support the transition for children and young people to return to a school environment at an earlier date with the educational attainment and the emotional and socialisation benefits which a school placement brings. • It will provide at least a £214k saving against the provision of individual SEND home tuition, which will maintain efficiencies within the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) budget.
Alternative options considered and rejected	<u>A full tender process</u> – It was not considered achievable to mobilise this service in the required amount of time. The 12-month contract allows the concept to be further developed and modelled, with benefits and lessons learned understood prior to a formal tender process commencing in early 2025. This will also

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	allow for engagement with children, young people and families to inform the final delivery model. <u>To take no action</u> – This is not recommended as the Council would not benefit from the cost saving which forms part of the DSG Safety Valve programme. This would also result in the cohort of children and young people not benefitting from social interaction with peers whilst awaiting a school placement.
Classification	Part II – Members Only and Not for Publication
Link to associated report	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.
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Gary Binstead – Children's Services 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?	Officers can implement Cabinet Member decision in this notice only from the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period which is: 5pm on Friday 06 December 2024 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.
Councillor scrutiny call-in of this decision	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. 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: Scrutiny Call-In - Power Apps (secure)

Further information	These decisions, where applicable, have been taken under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012. This is the formal notice by the Council of the above executive decision, including links to the reports where applicable. If you would like more information on this decision, please contact Democratic Services on 01895 250636 or email: democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk. 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. Democratic Services London Borough of Hillingdon Civic Centre High Street Uxbridge UB8 1UW
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