



## 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>FINANCE MODERNISATION PROGRAMME</b>
<b>Reference No.</b>	1398
<b>Date of decision</b>	Wednesday 16 April 2025
<b>Call-in expiry date</b>	<b>SPECIAL URGENCY</b> <b>N/A – This decision comes into immediate effect</b>
<b>Relevant Select Committees</b>	Corporate Resources and Infrastructure Select Committee
<b>Relevant Ward</b>	N/A

### Decision made

<b>Cabinet Members making the decision</b>	The Leader of the Council, and on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Finance & Transformation
	<b>APPROVED</b>  That the Leader of the Council, and on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Finance & Transformation, accepted the single tender from Grant Thornton UK LLP via the MCF3 Framework for the delivery of the modern finance processes and organisation phase of the Finance Modernisation Programme to the London Borough of Hillingdon for a 7-month period from 08 April 2025 and at the estimated value of £733,650.
<b>Reason for decision</b>	<p>This decision to appoint Grant Thornton will assist the Council in modernising its financial processes, strengthen its financial management, develop a modern finance function, and embed processes and controls in the Council's financial system, Oracle.</p> <p>This supports the council's strategy's commitment to being a digital-enabled, modern, well-run council.</p> <p>Grant Thornton (GT) are one of the country's leading firms supporting local government transformation, accounting and audit, and improvement.</p>
<b>Alternative options considered and rejected</b>	Though discounted, Cabinet Members could have considered not commissioning such support, sought a wider procurement exercise or alternate procurement options as set out in the confidential report.

<b>Classification</b>	Part II – Members' Only and Not for Publication
<b>Link to associated report</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>Relevant Officer contact &amp; Directorate</b>	Matthew Wallbridge – Corporate Services
<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><b>This decision was taken under special urgency procedures in the Council Constitution and deemed urgent by the Leader of the Council.</b></p> <p><b>The reason for urgency is to speedily confirm the future structure of the finance team and to recruit to those positions as well as reviewing our financial systems and processes to ensure they remain fit for purpose and make best use of automation and information technology.</b></p> <p>Agreement that the matter was urgent and could not have been reasonably deferred, along with the waiver of the scrutiny call-in period, was also granted by the Chair of the Corporate Resources and Infrastructure Select Committee.</p> <p><b>THIS DECISION THEREFORE COMES INTO IMMEDIATE EFFECT.</b></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. 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: <a href="mailto:democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk">democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk</a>. Circulation of this decision notice is to a variety of people including Members of the Council, Corporate &amp; Executive Directors, Officers and the Public. Copies are also placed on the Council's website.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Democratic Services</b></p>

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