



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:

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| Title of decision | AWARD OF CONTRACT: LOCAL HEALTHWATCH SERVICE |
| Reference No. | 1423 |
| Date of decision | Thursday 29 May 2025 |
| Call-in expiry date | Thursday 5 June 2025 |
| Relevant Select Committee | Health and Social Care Select Committee |
| Relevant Wards | All |

Decision made

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| Cabinet Members making the decision | Councillor Ian Edwards, Leader of the Council and on behalf of Councillor Jane Palmer, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care |
| Decision | Approved That the Leader of the Council, and on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care: 1. accepted the tender from Your Voice in Health and Social Care (YVHSC) to deliver a local Healthwatch Service to the London Borough of Hillingdon at a total cost of £630,630 for the five-year period from 1st July 2025 (or as soon as possible thereafter) and with the option to extend for up to three further years at a minimum cost of £362,340, subject to the contract explicitly including a break clause should there be no government funding. |
| Reason for decision | <p>This decision will lead to a local Healthwatch provider being in place with experience of delivery across multiple local authorities, which should enhance the involvement of residents and users of health and social care services in the commissioning and monitoring of these services.</p> <p>Since 2013 the Council has received a contribution to the funding of the Healthwatch Service via the Local Reform and Community Voices Grant.</p> <p>This decision was approved subject to an additional clause being added to the contract should any government funding</p> |

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| Alternative options considered and rejected | Alternative options were considered and rejected. |
| Classification | Part II – Members Only and Not for Publication |
| Link to associated report | <i>That this report be declared as exempt from publication as it involves the disclosure of information in accordance with Section 100(A) and paragraphs 1 & 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), in that the report contains information relating to any individual and information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.</i> |
| Relevant Officer contact & Directorate | Sandra Taylor, Corporate Director for Adult Social Care and Health |
| Any interest declared by the Cabinet Member(s) / dispensation granted | N/A |

Implementation of decision & scrutiny call-in

| [Internal Use only] | |
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| When can this decision be implemented by officers? | <p>Officers can implement Cabinet Member decision in this notice only from the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period which is:</p> <p>5pm on Thursday 5 June 2025</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> |
| Councillor scrutiny call-in of this decision | <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>Scrutiny Call-In - Power Apps (secure)</p> |

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