



## 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>	Extension of Tree Maintenance Services contract
<b>Reference No.</b>	1510
<b>Date of decision</b>	Tuesday 28 October 2025
<b>Call-in expiry date</b>	Tuesday 04 November 2025
<b>Relevant Select Committee</b>	Residents' Services Select Committee
<b>Relevant Wards</b>	N/A

### Decision made

<b>Cabinet Members making the decision</b>	Councillor Ian Edwards, Leader of the Council Councillor Eddie Lavery, Cabinet Member for Community and Environment
<b>Decision</b>	<b>Approved</b>  That the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community & Environment, agreed to extend the current contract with RSK Hi-Line for the provision of a Tree Maintenance Service to the London Borough of Hillingdon for a One-Year period from 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 to 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2026.
<b>Reason for decision</b>	<p>In addition to undertaking works to fulfil its legal obligations and ensure public safety, the Council is dedicated to promoting a greener and more sustainable environment for its residents and those visiting the Borough. The responsible management of trees, ensuring a planned and systematic approach, is a key priority.</p> <p>The existing contract with RSK Hi-Line comes to an end on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025; this contract had the option to extend up to a further two years.</p> <p>Whilst the report recommended a 2-year extension, the Leader of the Council considered that a 1-year extension was the most suitable course of action at this time to allow market testing to ensure continued value for money and this was confirmed possible by officers.</p>
<b>Alternative options considered and rejected</b>	<b>Formal Tender:</b> if a new formal tender were to be issued, there is a high likelihood of increased costs due to current market inflation and potential supply chain pressures.

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	<p>Moreover, such an approach could introduce operational risks.</p> <p><b>No Tree Maintenance Services:</b> this option was deemed not viable due to legal and safety obligations.</p>
<b>Classification</b>	Part II Private and Confidential
<b>Link to associated report</b>	<b>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.</b>
<b>Relevant Officer contact &amp; Directorate</b>	Sophie Coughlan – Residents Services 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 Tuesday 04 November 2025</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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