



## 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>Hire of Winter Maintenance Vehicles</b>
<b>Reference No.</b>	1516
<b>Date of decision</b>	Thursday 11 September 2025
<b>Call-in expiry date</b>	Thursday 18 September 2025
<b>Relevant Select Committee</b>	Corporate Resources & Infrastructure 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 Steve Tuckwell – Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing & Growth
<b>Decision</b>	<b>Approved</b>  That the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing & Growth:  1) Accepted the single tender from Econ Engineering Limited for the provision of hire, maintenance and delivery of eight winter maintenance vehicles (gritters) to the London Borough of Hillingdon for 26 weeks, from 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2025 through to the 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026 at a total cost of £189,182. The cost of this contract will be funded from the existing Fleet Service Revenue budget. 2) Agreed a 15% provision for contingency to cover off hire damage costs at a cost of £28,377.
<b>Reason for decision</b>	To ensure gritting arrangements are in place for the upcoming winter season.  Following a comprehensive review of alternative hire options, officers consider the award to Econ Engineering to be the only viable route for award. No other manufacturer is able to provide the vehicles required and / or necessary operational support.  The option of contract hire facilitates greater flexibility and cost effectiveness as compared to outright purchase. By appointing Econ Engineering Limited, the Council will benefit from reliability and strong maintenance support when required. This includes a

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	commitment to provide a spare gritter where one of the leased vehicles is off the road for repairs for more than 24 hours.
<b>Alternative options considered and rejected</b>	<p>LBH could have chosen to purchase its own fleet of gritters. However, for operational effectiveness it is important that gritters have maximum 'up time', so they are ready to be deployed as required. The age profile of vehicles with the supporting maintenance regimes maximises operational reliability. The added benefits relate to not having to keep and insure vehicles on site for the 26 weeks of the year they are not used is considered added value.</p> <p>The winter maintenance programme is considered to be a high-risk service and any reduction in fleet size would have a negative impact on service delivery and potentially result in more insurance related claims against the Council.</p>
<b>Classification</b>	Part II – Members' Only and Not for Publication
<b>Link to associated report</b>	<i><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></i>
<b>Relevant Officer contact &amp; Directorate</b>	Steve Gunter / Michelle Kenyon, 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 Thursday 18 September 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>	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.

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	<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@hillington.gov.uk">democratic@hillington.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>