



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	Playground Inspection, Maintenance and Repair Services
Reference No.	1531
Date of decision	Tuesday 14 October 2025
Call-in expiry date	Tuesday 21 October 2025
Relevant Select Committee	Residents' Services Select Committee
Relevant Wards	All

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Ian Edwards, Leader of the Council Councillor Eddie Lavery, Cabinet Member for Community & Environment
Decision	Approved That the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community & Environment, accepted the tender from HAGS for the provision of maintenance, repairs and inspection of children's playgrounds, outdoor gyms, ball courts and skate parks within the London Borough of Hillingdon for a 3-year period starting on 17 th July 2025 at a value of £106,206.85
Reason for decision	<p>Whilst playgrounds are designed and built to withstand usual wear and tear, they are subject to high usage and on occasion, vandalism. To maintain the safe use of play areas and outdoor gyms it is essential that there is a contract in place.</p> <p>The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) places an obligation on Councils to ensure that playgrounds are inspected and maintained and that records of inspections are kept.</p> <p>Under the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, the statutory requirements are for local authorities to undertake weekly routine inspections (in house) with quarterly operational inspections and annual inspections carried out by the contractor.</p> <p>The contract focuses on regular inspections to reduce injury risk and planned maintenance to extend equipment life.</p>

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	HAGS is recommended as the supplier, offering industry expertise, proactive service, and efficient asset management.
Alternative options considered and rejected	<p>The following options have been considered by officers and subsequently dismissed:</p> <p>To cease providing the service. This would be in breach of The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) obligation placed on councils to ensure that the playgrounds are inspected and maintained and that a record of inspections is kept. Regular maintenance helps prolong the lifespan of playground equipment therefore neglecting maintenance can lead to faster deterioration.</p> <p>In house provision has been looked at; however, using external contractors has proved to be more cost effective due to economies of scale and parts supply for repairs.</p>
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 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>
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	David O'Driscoll – Residents Services Directorate Joshua Wallington – Residents 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?	<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 Tuesday 21 October 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	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>Scrutiny Call-In - Power Apps (secure)</p>
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@hillington.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>