



## 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>David Kemp Productions Ltd Contract Extension for Compass Theatre</b>
<b>Reference No.</b>	1537
<b>Date of decision</b>	Friday 17 October 2025
<b>Call-in expiry date</b>	Friday 24 October 2025
<b>Relevant Select Committee</b>	Residents Services' Select Committee
<b>Relevant Wards</b>	NA

### Decision made

<b>Cabinet Members making the decision</b>	Councillor Ian Edwards – Leader of the Council Councillor Eddie Lavery – Cabinet Member for Community & Environment
<b>Decision</b>	<b>Approved</b>  That the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community & Environment:  1) agree to extend the current contract with DAVID KEMP PRODUCTIONS for the provision of PANTOMIME AND OTHER CULTURAL ACTIVITY to the London Borough of Hillingdon for a TWO-YEAR period from 4 JANUARY 2026 to 3 JANUARY 2028;  2) Note there is no cost directly associated with this contract; the provider is paid via a split in eventual ticket sales, and a percentage is kept by the Council after deductions.
<b>Reason for decision</b>	The Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community & Environment, agreed to extend the contract with David Kemp Productions for the provision of pantomime and other cultural activity to the London Borough of Hillingdon for a two-year period from 4 January 2026 to 3 January 2028.  This extension of the existing contract ensured the continuation of pantomime at the Compass Theatre on a sustainable basis, attracting audiences and revenue while providing high-quality and valued arts programming to

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	residents. The Council retained its veto over ticket prices, ensuring that the pantomime represented good value for residents and that professional standards of acting and direction were maintained.
<b>Alternative options considered and rejected</b>	The Council considered other options, including not having a pantomime, bringing the service in-house, or re-tendering the contract, but each was rejected due to concerns about reduced services, impracticality, financial risks, or lack of interest from other providers.
<b>Classification</b>	Part II – Members Only and Not for Publication
<b>Link to associated report</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>Relevant Officer contact &amp; Directorate</b>	Darren Deeks – Head of Libraries and Cultural Services Fjola Stenning – Theatres Manager
<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 Friday 24 October 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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