



OFFICIAL EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE
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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	PATHWAYS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (EXTENSION OF EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR STAYING CLOSE AND SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION PROVISION)
Reference No.	1590
Date of decision	Tuesday 23 December 2025
Call-in expiry date	Friday 02 January 2026
Relevant Select Committee	Children, Families and Education Select Committee.
Relevant Wards	All

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Ian Edwards, Leader of the Council Councillor Susan O'Brien, Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education
Decision	Agreed The Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education agreed to extend current arrangements for Staying Close and Supported Accommodation services to allow for a full tender exercise and mobilisation to award new contracts aligned with the Looked After Children's accommodation pathway from the age of 16 to independence as set out below: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. For Staying Close services, agree an extension of services to:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Emlea Property Services from 01 January 2026 to 31 March 2026 at a cost of £150,019 for the support element funded from existing grant.b) To extend further from 01 April 2026 to 30 September 2026 which will be dependent on grant funding available and new burden funding. Forecasted spend is £146,685 based on support for 22 young people.

- c) For the provision of psychological, emotional and therapeutic support, training for care and support teams and direct support for care experienced young people from MAPS service - Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust (CNWL) from 20 January 2026 to 31 March 2026 at a cost of £24,025 funded from existing grant.
- d) To extend further from 01 April 2026 to 30 September 2026 which will be dependent on grant funding secured. Forecasted spend is £63,714.
- e) Project Staff from 01 January 2026 to 31 March 2026 at a cost of £33,750 funded from existing grant.

2. For Block Supported Accommodation (formerly called Semi Independent Living), agree contract extensions for 6 months for continued support services to:

- a) YMCA St Paul's Group (YMCA) for the provision for Young People's Semi-Independent Living support services from 01 April 2026 until 30 September 2026 at the value of £240,115 which includes the support services and forecasts the rents.
- b) People Potential Possibilities (P3) for provision for Young People's Semi-Independent Living support services from 01 April 2026 until 30 September 2026 at the value of £599,142 which includes the support services and forecasts the rents.

Reason for decision	The decisions made ensure continuity of services for care leavers while new longer-term contracts were developed through the forthcoming Commissioning Alliance framework due to go live in April 2026. The extension ensured that sufficient accommodation and support remained in place for an increasing number of young people reaching the age of 18 and allowed Children's Services and Housing Services to continue joint work on developing longer-term housing pathways. The decision also ensured the Council remained compliant with its statutory duties to provide appropriate accommodation and support for looked after children and care leavers.
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Alternative options considered and rejected	Discontinue Services. This option was not agreed.
Classification	Part II – Members Only and Not for Publication
Link to associated report	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.
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Alex Coman, Children's Services
Any interest declared by the Cabinet Member(s) / dispensation granted	N/A

Implementation of decision & scrutiny call-in

[Internal Use only]	
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 Friday 02 January 2026</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>

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>
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