



# 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:

<b>Title of decision</b>	<b>CAPITAL RELEASE REPORT (December 2025)</b> <b>DEPARTMENT: Resident Services</b> <b>SERVICE AREA / PROGRAMME: Environmental &amp; Recreational Initiatives: Queens Walk Open Space River Enhancement Project</b>
<b>Reference No.</b>	1592
<b>Date of decision</b>	Thursday 18 December 2025
<b>Call-in expiry date</b>	Monday 29 December 2025
<b>Relevant Select Committee</b>	Residents' Services Select Committee
<b>Relevant Wards</b>	South Ruislip

### Decision made

<b>Cabinet Members making the decision</b>	Councillor Eddie Lavery – Cabinet Member for Finance & Transformation Councillor Wayne Bridges – Cabinet Member for Community & Environment
<b>Decision</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>  The Cabinet Member for Finance & Transformation, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community & Environment, approved the capital release request of £100K for Queens Walk Open Space River enhancement project, funded by Crane Valley Fund Grant.
<b>Reason for decision</b>	After a very successful river restoration project in 2024/25, London Borough of Hillingdon and the Zoological Society of London continue working to develop a river enhancement project to improve the section of the Yeadng Brook West that flows through Queens Walk, River Walk.  The river enhancement project will reprofile/recontour riverbanks to create key habitats and improve the diversity of the environment and its species. Yeadng Brook water levels respond very quickly to rainfall due to its urban catchment. This project will contribute to reducing the peak levels and, in turn, reduce the flood risk to local residents. Proposed improvement works will increase the ability of the river to adapt and cope with the likely impact of increased intense storms resulting from climate change. The project

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	<p>will provide more space for water and slow the flow of water to the Yeadings Brook, further helping to protect people, species and habitats by making them less vulnerable to the effects of climate change.</p> <p>This project will create a tranquil spot for observing nature, such as dragonflies, butterflies and birds and amphibians attracted to these new and enhanced habitats.</p>
<b>Alternative options considered and rejected</b>	The Cabinet Members may agree to fund the scheme and/or suggest alternative projects to which funds could be allocated within the terms of the relevant legal agreements.
<b>Classification</b>	Part I – Public
<b>Link to associated report</b>	<a href="#">Here</a>
<b>Relevant Officer contact &amp; Directorate</b>	Dragana Knezevic, 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 Monday 29 December 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><b><a href="#">Scrutiny Call-In - Power Apps</a> (secure)</b></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>
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