



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	TEMPORARY PREMISES FOR NORTHWOOD LIBRARY
Reference No.	1609
Date of decision	Monday 16 February 2026
Call-in expiry date	Monday 23 February 2026
Relevant Select Committee	Corporate Resources & Infrastructure Select Committee
Relevant Wards	Northwood

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Jonathan Bianco, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services & Property
Decision	Approved That the Cabinet Member: 1) Authorised the acquisition of the leasehold interest of the premises at Kate Fassnidge Community Hall, Northwood, on the terms and conditions detailed in the associated report; and 2) Delegated authority to enter into the lease to the Corporate Director of Residents Services.
Reason for decision	The new lease is required due to the closure of the Northwood Library premises at Green Lane in Northwood in September 2023. This report seeks to ensure the provision of a local library for Northwood residents and to ensure best value by regularising the current occupation at Kate Fassnidge Community Hall where a temporary library opened in March 2025. Kate Fassnidge Community Hall was identified as the best option to ensure the continuation of a local library service in Northwood Ward and works to adapt the hall to be suitable for library use were completed prior to the library opening.
Alternative options considered and rejected	1) The Council could have consolidated library operations into Northwood Hills Library with extended opening hours for a longer period. However, this option was rejected because the Northwood Hills Library was at the time being considered for residential development and therefore there was

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	<p>uncertainty around the future delivery of the service from this location.</p> <p>2) The library could not remain in occupation of the existing premises as the structural building issues could not be addressed while the service remained in occupation.</p>
Classification	Part II – Members Only and Not for Publication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	Jessica Shepherd – Principal Estates Surveyor
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 Monday 23 February 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> <p style="text-align: right;">Democratic Services London Borough of Hillingdon Civic Centre High Street Uxbridge UB8 1UW</p>
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