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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	**Rationalisation of Dog Waste Containers**
Reference No.	2026/1819
Date of decision	Thursday 22 October 2026
Call-in expiry date	Thursday 29 October 2026
Relevant Select Committee	Residents' Services Select Committee
Relevant Wards	All Wards

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Wayne Bridges, Cabinet Member for Residents Services
Decision	**Agreed** **That:** **1) The findings of the review of standalone dog waste bin provision across the Borough was noted;** **2) The removal of all standalone dog waste bins across the Borough and the integration of dog waste disposal into the existing litter bin network and household residual waste disposal arrangements was approved;** **3) The reinvestment of £60,000 per annum into Street Cleansing services to increase litter bin servicing requirements and associated waste disposal costs, where appropriate, arising from the implementation of this proposal was approved;** **4) The anticipated gross annual saving of approximately £160,000 and the estimated recurring net annual saving of approximately £100,000 following reinvestment was noted;** **5) The Corporate Director of Residents Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Residents' Services, was authorised to implement the approved changes, including the**

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	phased removal of dog waste bins, the delivery of the associated communications programme and any necessary operational adjustments arising from ongoing monitoring and review of the service following implementation.
Reason for decision	The recommendations are proposed to improve operational efficiency, reduce ongoing service costs and make better use of the Council's existing waste disposal infrastructure whilst maintaining convenient disposal arrangements for residents and dog owners. The review of the current provision identified that many standalone dog waste bins are located close to litter bins or other alternative disposal routes, resulting in unnecessary duplication within the waste collection network. Dog waste can legally and safely be disposed of through standard litter bins and household residual waste collections, removing the operational need for a dedicated dog waste bin service. Approval of the removal of standalone dog waste bins will simplify service delivery, reduce operational complexity and align the Borough's approach with established practices adopted by many other local authorities. The proposal delivers the greatest operational and financial benefits of the options considered whilst ensuring that residents continue to have access to appropriate waste disposal facilities. The proposed reinvestment of £60,000 per annum into Street Cleansing services will provide additional resilience within the service, enabling the Council to respond to any increase in litter bin usage, support enhanced servicing where required and manage any additional waste disposal costs associated with the transfer of dog waste into the wider waste stream. Noting the anticipated gross annual saving of approximately £160,000 and the estimated net recurring saving of approximately £100,000 will ensure that the financial benefits of the proposal are recognised and support the Council's objective of delivering efficient, value-for-money services. The Cabinet Member is authorised to agree such service alterations. Delegated authority is sought to enable the efficient implementation of the approved changes, including the phased removal of infrastructure, delivery of resident communications and the management of any operational adjustments identified through post-implementation monitoring and review.

Alternative options considered and rejected	Option A – Retain Existing Dog Waste Bin Network This option would retain approximately 700 standalone dog waste bins and the associated annual servicing cost of approximately £160,000. Whilst there would be no change for residents, the option would not deliver any financial savings, operational efficiencies or service improvements and would continue to support a network that has developed without a strategic approach to location, demand or value for money. Option B – Rationalise and Reduce Dog Waste Bin Provision This option would remove a proportion of dog waste bins whilst retaining dedicated provision in selected locations. Although some savings would be achieved, a dedicated collection service would still be required and a dual waste disposal system would remain in place. This option would only partially address the inefficiencies identified through the review and would deliver significantly lower financial and operational benefits than the preferred option. Do nothing Retaining the current arrangements would result in the continued expenditure of approximately £160,000 per annum on servicing standalone dog waste bins. The Council would forgo the opportunity to generate recurring savings, simplify service delivery and make better use of the existing litter bin network. This option does not represent the most efficient use of public resources. Cease activity This option would involve removing the dog waste bin network without providing an alternative disposal route. It was rejected because residents must continue to have access to suitable and convenient facilities for the responsible disposal of dog waste. The preferred option ensures disposal opportunities remain available through the existing litter bin network and household residual waste collections across the Borough.
Classification	Part I – Public
Link to associated report	Here
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Jordan Groves – Residents Services
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?	Officers can implement Cabinet Member decision in this notice only from the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period which is: **5pm on Thursday 29 October 2026** 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.
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. 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: **Scrutiny Call-In - Power Apps** (secure)
Further information	These decisions, where applicable, have been taken under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012. This is the formal notice by the Council of the above executive decision, including links to the reports where applicable. If you would like more information on this decision, please contact Democratic Services on 01895 250636 or email: democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk. 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. **Democratic Services** **London Borough of Hillingdon** **Civic Centre** **High Street** **Uxbridge** **UB8 1UW**