



**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	CAPITAL RELEASE REPORT (February 2023) DEPARTMENT: CENTRAL SERVICES SERVICE AREA / PROGRAMME: Corporate Technology & Innovation 2022/23 Reallocation & Associated Capital Release - Breakspear Crematorium UPS Replacement & Civic Centre UPS Replacement Batteries (CR 3) RELEASE NO: 3
Reference No.	710
Date of decision	Tuesday 07 March 2023
Call-in expiry date	Tuesday 14 March 2023
Relevant Select Committee	Finance and Corporate Services Select Committee
Relevant Wards	All wards

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Martin Goddard – Cabinet Member for Finance Councillor Douglas Mills – Cabinet Member for Corporate Services
	Approved That the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services agreed to the capital release request of £23k and the reallocation of £26k of previously released funding from the Corporate Technology & Innovation Programme 2022/23 budget to fund the provision of a replacement UPS at Breakspear Crematorium network infrastructure from electrical power failure, and for the replacement of spent batteries in Core Network UPS units at the Civic Centre.
Reason for decision	The Breakspear Crematorium ICT Frame room contains networking and server equipment (backup storage and network components) that provide London Borough of Hillingdon off-site backup storage for file-and-print and on-premise application servers. The existing Frame room Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS) is over 10 years old, and its current complement of 3 battery units is over 7 years old. A recent Power Supply issue at the Breakspear Crematorium resulted in the full depletion of the battery units, and they will no longer hold a charge. If the electrical supply to the Frame room

	<p>fails, all equipment in the Frame room will switch off immediately, meaning a loss of service until power is restored and infrastructure and servers brought back online and could result in potential lasting damage to unprotected electrical equipment.</p> <p>For UPS devices that protect Networking equipment around the Civic Centre, the current inventory of battery packs is now 7 years old, and no longer hold a suitable amount of charge to facilitate a reasonable resilient network service should power to the Civic Centre fail. Replacing the batteries in these UPS devices will ensure that they are able to keep the network up in the event of a power failure (including a failure of the Civic Centre Generator) of up to an hour.</p>
Alternative options considered and rejected	<p>Do nothing: The Breakspear Crematorium frame room ICT equipment would continue to operate with a direct connection to the incoming power supply and be immediately susceptible to any power failures or surges. This option is not recommended.</p> <p>Replace all batteries in the existing UPS. Whilst this option may initially appear to be less costly in the short-term, it is not a recommended solution as the existing UPS is 10 years old, meaning support for other components within the UPS will be difficult/costly to arrange, as technologies reach end of production lifecycles. This option is not recommended.</p> <p>For the Network switches within the Civic Centre, replacing the inventory of batteries is more cost effective than replacing the entire UPS device. The only alternative is to postpone replacement of the batteries and rely upon the diminished charge capacity of the 7-year-old batteries currently in place. This could mean a higher risk of network failure should power to the Civic Centre fail for an extended period of time. This option is not recommended.</p>
Classification	Part I - Public
Link to associated report	Here
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Michael Clarke – Central Services Matthew Smith - Central 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 Tuesday 14 March 2023</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@hillington.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>