



OFFICIAL EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE PUBLISHED BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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 (April 2023) DIRECTORATE: Education & SEND SERVICE AREA / PROGRAMME: School Place Planning – Wood End Park Academy RELEASE NO: 2
Reference No.	779
Date of decision	Friday 21 April 2023
Call-in expiry date	SPECIAL URGENCY N/A – This decision comes into immediate effect
Relevant Select Committee(s)	Children, Families and Education Select Committee
Relevant Ward(s)	All

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	The Leader of the Council, and on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education
	APPROVED That the Leader of the Council, and on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education: 1) Noted the cost increase to the Wood End SEND project by £474k from £1,337k to £1,811k; and, 2) Approved the capital release request of £1,695k from the 2023/24 Schools SRP/SEND capital programme budget.
Reason for decision	The Local Authority's approval of the increased project cost will trigger the appointment of the preferred contractor to carry out building works. Approval of capital release will ensure the continuation of the work to create a new ASD unit for 24 pupils at Wood End Park Academy. This capital release requested the release of funds for the pre-construction and construction phase of the scheme.

Alternative options considered and rejected	The Local Authority agreed to provide funding for a scheme to create a 24 place ASD unit at Wood End Park Academy and the delivery of project will be managed by The Park Federation Academy Trust. The project is linked to the DSG Safety Valve Programme.
Classification	Part I – Public
Link to associated report	Report
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Babatunde Balogun - Children's Services Directorate
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?	<p>This decision was taken under special urgency procedures and deemed urgent by the Leader of the Council.</p> <p>The reason for urgency was to minimise delay of much needed SEN places in Borough.</p> <p>Agreement that the matter was urgent and could not have been reasonably deferred, along with the waiver of the scrutiny call-in period, was also granted by the Chairman of the Children, Families & Education Select Committee.</p> <p>THIS DECISION THEREFORE COMES INTO IMMEDIATE EFFECT.</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. 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 & Executive Directors, Officers 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>