



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 DEPARTMENT: Resident Services SERVICE AREA / PROGRAMME: Environmental & Recreational Initiatives: Spider Park / Bridgwater Open Space River & Wetland Enhancement Scheme
Reference No.	1032
Date of decision	Thursday 22 February 2024
Call-in expiry date	Thursday 29 February 2024
Relevant Select Committee	Residents' Services Select Committee
Relevant Wards	South Ruislip Ward

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Martin Goddard – Cabinet Member for Finance Councillor Eddie Lavery – Cabinet Member for Residents' Services
Decision	Approved That the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Residents' Services approved the capital release request of £159K for Bridgwater Open Space, river enhancement scheme, £100K funded by Crane Valley Grant and £59K funded by HS2 Community and Environment Fund (Appendix A).
Reason for decision	London Borough of Hillingdon and the Zoological Society of London are working with Smarter Water Catchment project partners Cartographer and Metis Consultants to develop a river enhancement project to improve the section of the Yeading Brook West that flows through Spider Park (Bridgwater Open Space). Yeading Brook has unnaturally steep banks with little habitat diversity. The river enhancement project will reprofile / recontour riverbanks to create key habitats and improve the diversity of the environment and its species. Yeading 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 will provide more space for water

	<p>and slow the flow of water to the Yeading 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> <p>Development of the site will attract more volunteers who want to help shape and transform their local landscape and work with others as a community on a regular basis. This will provide not only social wellbeing benefits but also improve nature connectedness of participants and promote pro-nature conservation behaviours.</p>
Alternative options considered and rejected	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.
Classification	Part I – Public
Link to associated report	Report Link
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Dragana Knezevic – Place 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>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 Thursday 29 February 2024</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	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.

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