



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	Variation of the Leisure Operating Contract to add an addendum to the contract to pilot a two-year Child Weight Management Service
Reference No.	1246
Date of decision	Monday 17 February 2025
Call-in expiry date	Monday 24 February 2025
Relevant Select Committee	Health and Social Care Select Committee
Relevant Wards	All

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Ian Edwards – Leader of the Council Councillor Jane Palmer – Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care Councillor Susan O'Brien - Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education
Decision	Approved That the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Health & Social Care and Children, Families & Education: <ol style="list-style-type: none">Approved the variation to the current Leisure Operating Contract provided by Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) to provide a pilot service for the provision of a Child Healthy Weight Management Service for children and young people aged 5 – 17 years.Invested £500,000 from the PH Grant Reserve (£240,000 per year with an additional £20,000 set up costs to fund a pre-contract mobilisation plan) for this service and the evaluation of its outcomes.
Reason for decision	Since 1 April 2013 local authorities have been responsible for improving and protecting the health of their local population in partnership with NHS and VCS organisations, including the funding of public health services through needs-led investment of the annual public health grant. This includes investment in services such as universal and early intervention child weight management services that tackle childhood obesity and address the associated inequalities.

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	<p>The confidential report sought approval from Cabinet Members to vary the current contract with GLL for 2 years, awarding GLL £500,000 for the provision of an evidence-based Child Healthy Weight Programme. By using the resources that are currently commissioned by GLL there is an opportunity to maximise existing resources and infrastructure to support service provision.</p> <p>The two-year service delivery impact and outcomes will be monitored and evaluated and will subsequently inform future commissioning, providing a baseline that ensures the Council of quality service provision and optimising the value for money of this investment.</p>
Alternative options considered and rejected	<p>The Council could have chosen not to proceed with the pilot. This would pose a high risk to population health. Children who are overweight and obese are at significantly increased risk of being overweight and obese adults, and at an earlier age risk developing long term health conditions associated with obesity, that not only impact the individual's health and wellbeing and their economic productivity, but obesity also places a significant, and avoidable demand on health and care services. Tackling unhealthy weight at the earliest opportunity, in childhood, is an important public health early intervention, and is a Borough priority set out in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, the Corporate Plan and the HHCP priorities.</p> <p>There are high rates of obesity amongst children, with rates in some areas of the Borough, evidenced by the annual National Child Weight Measurement Programme Childhood (NCMP) not improving. Not providing an effective service to address childhood obesity when identified through the mandated NCMP programme could result in missed opportunities to mitigate this health risk that could be life-long and could affect their education. Taking action to reduce child obesity also contributes to wider health improvement, for example, reduced dental decay, improved mental health, and self-esteem.</p>
Classification	Part II – Members Only and Not for Publication
Link to associated report	<p>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.</p>

Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Julia Heggie, Public Health
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 24 February 2025</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>