



# 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:

<b>Title of decision</b>	<b>Building Safety Levy Implementation</b>
<b>Reference No.</b>	2026/1665
<b>Date of decision</b>	Friday 27 March 2026
<b>Call-in expiry date</b>	Tuesday 7 April 2026
<b>Relevant Select Committee</b>	Residents' Services Select Committee
<b>Relevant Wards</b>	N/A

## Decision made

<b>Cabinet Members making the decision</b>	Councillor Steve Tuckwell, Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing, and Economic Growth
<b>Decision</b>	<b>Agreed</b>  That the Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing and Economic Growth:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Noted the new Building Safety Levy Regime which will come into effect on 1 October 2026;</li><li>2) Accepted and agreed that the £132,900 new burdens funding be put towards set up costs associated with the implementation of the Building Safety Levy as set out in the report; and</li><li>3) Authorised the Director of Planning and Sustainable Growth to take all necessary decisions and actions to ensure that the Council complies with the new statutory requirements.</li></ol>
<b>Reason for decision</b>	Following Parliamentary approval in November 2025, the Building Safety Levy (England) Regulations 2025 have been signed into law and will come into force on 1 October 2026. The Regulations appoint local authorities with building control responsibilities as levy collection agents. To support implementation, the government undertook a new burdens assessment and grouped councils by scale of housebuilding activity, awarding funding accordingly under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003. Hillingdon has been awarded a £132,900 new burdens grant, payable from April 2026.

	The introduction of the Building Safety Levy will create a significant new administrative burden for the Council, comparable in scale to the Community Infrastructure Levy, and will require specialist expertise to manage a wide range of new workstreams. It is therefore recommended that the full new burdens grant is used to meet these costs, including £82,900 for internal staffing resources and £50,000 for system upgrades to support levy monitoring and processing. Ongoing administration costs will be recovered quarterly from levy income on a cost-recovery basis.
<b>Alternative options considered and rejected</b>	The Regulations require local authorities with building control responsibilities to act as levy collection agents, leaving the Council with no alternative option. There is likely to be an initial financial burden due to the lag between set-up costs and levy income, and the Council will need to clearly evidence the scale and complexity of the new work during this period, with scope for additional cost recovery if a deficit arises. Given existing workloads and system limitations, officers have identified the need for an additional member of staff and a new monitoring module, as this work cannot be accommodated within the current Planning Obligations team structure.
<b>Classification</b>	Public
<b>Link to associated report</b>	<a href="#">Here</a>
<b>Relevant Officer contact &amp; Directorate</b>	Mathieu Rogers, Head of Strategic Planning and Regeneration Julia Johnson, Director of Planning and Sustainable Growth
<b>Any interest declared by the Cabinet Member(s) / dispensation granted</b>	N/A

### **Implementation of decision & scrutiny call-in**

<b>[Internal Use only]</b>	
<b>When can this decision be implemented by officers?</b>	Officers can implement Cabinet Member decision in this notice only from the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period which is:  <b>5pm on Tuesday 7 April 2026</b>  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><b>Councillor scrutiny call-in of this decision</b></p>	<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><a href="#">Scrutiny Call-In - Power Apps</a> (secure)</p>
<p><b>Further information</b></p>	<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: <a href="mailto:democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk">democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk</a>.</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;"><b>Democratic Services London Borough of Hillingdon Civic Centre High Street Uxbridge UB8 1UW</b></p>