



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	Review of the Free and Subsidised Pest Control Service
Reference No.	2026/1745
Date of decision	Tuesday 11 August 2026
Call-in expiry date	Tuesday 18 August 2026
Relevant Select Committee	Residents' Services Select Committee.
Relevant Wards	All

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Adam Bennett – Cabinet Member for Community, Environment & Enforcement Councillor Wayne Bridges – Cabinet Member for Residents Services
Decision	Agreed That the Cabinet Member for Community, Environment & Enforcement, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Residents' Services: 1) Considered the data and information on residents' requests for free and subsidised pest control services in the report; 2) Noted the equalities impact assessment and the predicted impact to service provision; 3) Noted that Hillingdon housing tenants will not be affected by this proposal; and 4) Agreed to the withdrawal of the free and subsidised pest control services other than for Council tenants and leaseholders to ensure best use of Council taxpayer resources.
Reason for decision	The Council has a duty to ensure that the resources it has available deliver best value services for residents. A review of the free pest control service offered by the Council for the over-65s showed that typically only 50 to 80 households were visited by the pest control contractor each month, with

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	many of these households receiving multiple visits. Over the last four years, the costs of providing this free service had reached over £248k.
Alternative options considered and rejected	To ensure best use of Council resources to the benefit of all residents, continuing with the free and subsidised service was not recommended.
Classification	Part I - Public
Link to associated report	Report can be found here
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Richard Webb – Director of Community Safety & Enforcement
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?	Officers can implement Cabinet Member decision in this notice only from the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period which is: 5pm on Tuesday 18 August 2026 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.
Councillor scrutiny call-in of this decision	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. 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: Scrutiny Call-In - Power Apps (secure)

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. 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 Directors, Officers, Group Secretariats and the Public. Copies are also placed on the Council's website. Democratic Services London Borough of Hillingdon Civic Centre High Street Uxbridge UB8 1UW
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