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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	Dyslexia Screener and Interventions Programme for Primary Schools
Reference No.	2026/1753
Date of decision	Monday 10 August 2026
Call-in expiry date	Monday 17 August 2026
Relevant Select Committee	Children, Families, Health & Care Select Committee
Relevant Wards	All

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Susan O'Brien – Cabinet Member for Adults, Children, Health & Care Councillor Eddie Lavery – Cabinet Member for Finance
Decision	Agreed That the Cabinet Member for Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adults, Children, Health & Care approved the award to Nessy Learning Limited of the Nessy Learning Universal Literacy Offer for all Hillingdon primary, infant and junior schools at an annual cost of £57,285 for up to three years, at a total cost of £171,855, funded through the Experts at Hand grant funding.
Reason for decision	The national SEND reforms place a strong emphasis on improving inclusion within mainstream schools through early intervention, workforce development and access to specialist expertise. The proposed purchase of Nessy Learning will provide a universal dyslexia support offer for all primary, infant and junior schools, combining screening, intervention, staff training and reporting in a single platform to support earlier identification of need, improve outcomes and promote a more consistent and inclusive approach across Hillingdon schools.
Alternative options considered and rejected	• Choose an alternative provider – Alternative products did not offer the same comprehensive package as Nessy and lacked endorsement from recognised dyslexia organisations. • Provide the service in-house – The Council did not have the specialist expertise or capacity to deliver

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	this provision internally, and implementation would be significantly delayed. • Do nothing – This would leave schools without a consistent borough-wide dyslexia support offer.
Classification	Part II – Members Only and Not for Publication
Link to associated report	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.
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Abi Preston – Director of Education & SEND
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 Monday 17 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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