



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	Highway Gritter Hire
Reference No.	2026/1806
Date of decision	Thursday 24 September 2026
Call-in expiry date	Thursday 1 October 2026
Relevant Select Committee	Residents Services Select Committee
Relevant Wards	All

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Wayne Bridges, Cabinet Member for Residents Services Councillor Eddie Lavery, Cabinet Member for Finance
Decision	Agreed That the Cabinet Member for Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Residents Services: 1. Accepted the single tender from Econ Engineering Limited for the provision of hire, maintenance and delivery of eight winter maintenance vehicles (gritters) to the London Borough of Hillingdon for 26 weeks, from 1 October 2026 through to 31 March 2027 at a total cost of £189,182. The cost of this contract will be funded from the existing Fleet Service Revenue budget; and 2. Agreed a 10% provision for contingency to cover off hire damage costs at a cost of £18,918.
Reason for decision	To ensure winter gritting arrangements are in place, a contract hire solution has been identified as the most practical and cost-effective option. This approach provides operational flexibility, vehicle reliability and dedicated maintenance support throughout the winter season. The arrangement also includes replacement vehicle provision if a gritter is unavailable for an extended period, helping to maintain service continuity.
Alternative options considered and rejected	The option of purchasing and maintaining a dedicated fleet was considered; however, a hire arrangement offers greater operational resilience, ensuring vehicles remain available

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	when required and reducing the risks associated with maintenance, storage and insurance. Maintaining the current fleet size is considered necessary to support the delivery of winter maintenance services and minimise service disruption.
Classification	Part II – Members Only and Not for Publication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	Jordan Groves, Residents Services
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 Thursday 1 October 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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