



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	S106 New Allocation 2026/27: Christmas & Festive Lights 2026
Reference No.	2026/1812
Date of decision	Thursday 8 October 2026
Call-in expiry date	Thursday 15 October 2026
Relevant Select Committee	Corporate Resources & Infrastructure Select Committee
Relevant Wards	Multiple Wards

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Eddie Lavery, Cabinet Member for Finance Councillor Wayne Bridges, Cabinet Member for Residents' Services
Decision	Agreed That the Cabinet Member for Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Residents Services: 1) Approved the allocation of £130,711 of the S106 contribution held at E/153/283K to be used for the provision of the Council's festive lighting for 2026. 2) Approved the direct award of grants of £37,370 to four local community organisations to manage their own festive lighting for 2026. 3) Approved, for 2026, the total Christmas lights programme cost of £168,081 including, but not limited to the lighting displays; Christmas Trees; publicity; contractor costs and licences.
Reason for decision	In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the allocation of Section 106 funds requires the approval of the Cabinet Member for Finance on a case-by-case basis and, where capital funding is involved, the agreement of the relevant Portfolio Holder. The report therefore sought approval for the allocation of Section 106 funds held under reference E/153/283K towards the delivery of the 2026 Festive Lighting Programme. The agreed allocation will enable external funding to be utilised effectively to deliver improvements that directly benefit local communities. High-quality festive lighting displays contribute to civic pride, support community wellbeing

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	and help create an attractive and welcoming environment during the winter months. The 2026 programme will continue this established initiative enhancing the vibrancy of local areas and supporting the Council's priority of being Open for Business by helping to promote and strengthen town centres during the festive period.
Alternative options considered and rejected	The following alternative options were considered and discounted. Allocating the funding to alternative projects was not recommended, as the proposed use aligns with the purpose for which the Section 106 contribution was secured and supports the delivery of the Council's festive lighting programme in accordance with the Growth Plan. Taking no action would require alternative funding sources to be identified, placing additional pressure on Council budgets, or result in the programme not being delivered. Ceasing the activity was also rejected, as the associated benefits to residents, businesses and local centres would not be realised.
Classification	Part I – Public
Link to associated report	Here
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Sophie Wilmot, Transport & Community Projects Team Leader
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 15 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@hillington.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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