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| To: | Council |
| Date: | 25 November 2019 |
| Report of: | Director of Development |
| Title of Report:  | Record of Urgent Officer Decision on Housing Infrastructure Funds for Osney Mead |

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| Summary and recommendations |
| Purpose of report: | Council is asked to note the urgent officer decision taken by the Executive Director (Development) on 31 October 2019 to enter a contract with Homes England to secure £6.088m for infrastructure. These funds will enable new development at Osney Mead Innovation Quarter under the Housing Infrastructure Fund Marginal Viability Scheme**Council is also asked to amend the budget to include these funds in the Council’s capital programme.** |
| Key decision: | Yes  |
| Cabinet Member with responsibility: | Leader of the Council, Cllr Susan Brown |
| Corporate Priority: | Meeting Housing Needs, Cleaner and Greener Oxford, Vibrant and Sustainable Economy. |
| Policy Framework: | Corporate Plan, Oxford Economic Growth Strategy, Housing Strategy  |
| Recommendations: That Council: |
| 1. | Notes the urgent officer decision taken by the Executive Director (Development) on 31 October 2019 to enter a contract with Homes England to secure £6.088m for infrastructure. These funds will enable new development at Osney Mead Innovation Quarter under the Housing Infrastructure Fund Marginal Viability Scheme |
| 2 | **Approves the inclusion of a budget of £6.088m in the Council’s capital programme for Osney Mead Infrastructure enabling works.**  |

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| Appendices |
| Appendix 1 | Urgent officer decision report and risk assessment |

# Introduction and background

Council is asked to note the urgent officer decision to enter a contract with Homes England to secure £6.088m for infrastructure. These funds will enable new development at Osney Mead Innovation Quarter under the Housing Infrastructure Fund Marginal Viability Scheme.

The record of the decision is attached at Appendix 1. This was taken in accordance with the Council’s procedures for taking urgent decisions and the decision published on 31 October 2019.

This then requires a change to the capital budget to include these funds.

**Council is asked to approve this change to the capital budget.**

All other relevant information is attached in the report at Appendix 1.

# Legal and financial issues and risks

These are set out in the report at Appendix 1

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| Background Papers: None |