

DECISIONS DELEGATED TO OFFICERS

Decision title:	Purchase of completed development sites at Elsfield Hall, Cumberlege Close and Between Towns Road
Decision date:	13 April 2022
Source of delegation:	The City Executive Board (now Cabinet) on 9 February 2017 and 29 May 2019 agreed that the Council would purchase and manage the social rented and shared ownership units from OCH(D)L as they were developed. It was also agreed that delegated authority would be given to the Assistant Chief Executive in consultation with the Head of Finance and the Head of Law and Governance to approve and facilitate such purchases. Following a senior management restructure the responsibilities of the Assistant Chief Executive with regards to housing have been passed to the Executive Director for Communities and People.
What decision was made?	To authorise the transfer by purchase of the land and affordable housing at Elsfield Hall, Cumberlege Close and Between Towns Road from Oxford City Housing (Development) Limited to the Council's Housing Revenue Account for a consideration of £25,430,800 in total.
Purpose:	Contributing to the Council's overall Affordable Housing provision.
Reasons:	<p>To support the delivery of affordable housing. The sites at Cumberlege Close and Elsfield Hall are joint in terms of planning and viability.</p> <p>The viability appraisals undertaken show that the schemes are within the parameters set for the Housing Revenue Account.</p> <p>The purchases are supported by £1.52m and £1.46m of Oxfordshire Growth Deal Affordable Housing grant and £722,000 and £320,000 of Section 106 top-up grant.</p>
Decision made by:	<p>Stephen Gabriel, Executive Director for Communities and People</p> <p>Decision taken in consultation with Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services, and Susan Sale, Head of Law and Governance.</p>
Other options considered:	Not to transfer the properties would represent a missed opportunity to deliver affordable housing and support the delivery of the OCHL business plan.
Documents considered:	Report of the Senior Housing Development Officer, 1 March 2022

Key or Not Key:	Key
Wards significantly affected:	None
Declared conflict of interest:	None
This form was completed by: Name & title: Date:	Andrew Brown Committee and Member Services Manager 13 April 2022

Approval checklist

<i>Approver</i>	<i>Name and job title</i>	<i>Date</i>
Decision maker	Stephen Gabriel, Executive Director of Communities and People S.G.	13 April 2022

Consultee checklist

<i>Consultees</i>	<i>Name and job title</i>	<i>Date</i>
Head of Financial Services	Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services N.K.	12 April 2022
Head of Law and Governance	Susan Sale, Head of Law and Governance Susan Sale	24 March 2022
Cabinet Member	Councillor Diko Walcott, Cabinet Member for Affordable Housing, Housing Security and Housing the Homeless	13 April 2022