

## DECISIONS DELEGATED TO OFFICERS

<b>Decision title:</b>	Purchase of the extended and refurbished home at 32 Union Street, Oxford.
<b>Decision date:</b>	24.05.2022
<b>Source of delegation:</b>	<p>Cabinet on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 approved the OCC buyback of the remaining 5 properties in the OCHL Extensions Programme at market value, even where this falls outside of the usual HRA financial parameters as it relates to a very small number of homes and the OCHL buy-backs over the whole affordable homes programme, continue to fall inside the HRA financial parameters overall. The decision reads;</p> <p>‘The Head of Housing Services had submitted a report to seek further project approvals and delegations to enable the continued delivery of more affordable housing. Councillor Alex Hollingsworth, Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Delivery, highlighted the continuing need for affordable housing within the City and presented the recommendations in conjunction with Councillor Diko Walcott, Cabinet Member for Affordable Housing, Housing Security and Housing the Homeless.</p> <p>10. Cabinet resolved to:          Delegate authority to the Executive Director for Communities and People, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Affordable Housing, Housing Security and Housing the Homeless; the Head of Financial Services/ Section 151 Officer; and the Head of Law and Governance, to enter into agreement and facilitate the agreed purchase by the HRA of the affordable housing units, from OCHL, referenced at paragraphs 16 to 20 of this report, at a cost that exceeds the usual financial parameters for the HRA in respect of the 5 properties listed in Table 3, within further information provided in the confidential Appendix 2, to ensure units remain at Social Rent, within overall budget envelopes for affordable housing buybacks.’</p>
<b>What decision was made?</b>	To authorise the purchase by way of

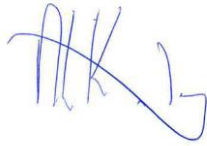

	transfer the completed property extended and refurbished home at 32 Union Street, resulting from the Oxford City Housing Development Ltd Extensions Programme. Authority was granted for the HRA to purchase the unit for £465,000 in total.
<b>Purpose:</b>	To authorise the transfer by purchase by Oxford City Council of the extensively extended and refurbished home at 32 Union Street delivered through the OCHDL Extensions programme. Contributing to the Councils overall Affordable Housing provision
<b>Reasons:</b>	To support the delivery of affordable housing.
<b>Decision made by:</b>	Stephen Gabriel Executive Director for Communities and People Decision taken in consultation with the Head of Financial Services; the Head of Law and Governance; and the Cabinet Member for Affordable Housing, Housing Security and Housing the Homeless.
<b>Other options considered:</b>	Not to transfer the properties would represent a missed opportunity to deliver affordable housing and support the delivery of the OCHL business plan.
<b>Documents considered:</b>	Report of the Housing Development and Regeneration Officer dated 21 April 2022.
<b>Key or Not Key:</b>	Not Key
<b>Wards significantly affected:</b>	None
<b>Declared conflict of interest:</b>	None
<b>This form was completed by:</b> <b>Name &amp; title:</b> <b>Date:</b>	Allison Dalton Housing Devnt & Regen Officer  26/04/2022

### Approval checklist

<b>Approver</b>	<b>Name and job title</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Decision maker</b>	Stephen Gabriel Executive Director for Communities and People	24.05.2022

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**Consultee checklist**

<b>Approver</b>	<b>Name and job title</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Head of Financial Services</b>	Nigel Kennedy Head of Financial Services (Section 151 Officer) 	27.04.2022
<b>Head of Law and Governance</b>	Susan Sale Head of Law & Governance 	23.05.2022
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Councillor Diko Walcott Cabinet Member for Affordable Housing, Housing Security, and Housing the Homeless	12.05.2022