

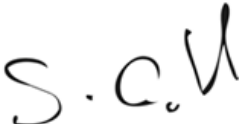
DECISIONS DELEGATED TO OFFICERS

Decision title:	Award of a works contract to construct 10 homes on the site of the former Oxfordshire County Council Depot at Lanham Way
Decision date:	16 May 2023
Source of delegation:	<p>Cabinet, on 9 September 2020, resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Give project approval to the proposals, to purchase land; enter into build contracts and any other necessary agreements or contracts and incur associated development cost spends, as set out in this report, and within the allocated HRA capital budgets and business plan, for the purpose of delivering more affordable housing in Oxford; 2. Recommend to Council that it approves a revision to the HRA capital budget in 2020/21 of £31.647m, in order for the schemes listed in this report (paras 11 to 40) to be added into the capital programme funded predominantly from additional borrowing; 3. Recommend to Council that it approves a revision to the HRA base (revenue) budget from 2021/22 on, for £235k to be added, for the creation of the Affordable Supply Programme and Enabling Team to manage and co-ordinate the various work streams to deliver the programmes; 4. Delegate authority to the Director of Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Affordable Housing; the Head of Financial Services/Section 151 Officer; and the Council's Monitoring Officer, to enter into agreements for the purchase of land, and any other necessary agreements or contracts and/or spend within the identified budget, for the provision of additional affordable housing; and 5. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Finance and Asset Management, and

	<p>Affordable Housing, to approve any property or development purchases over £500,000 for affordable housing, within this project approval and budget envelope.</p> <p>The Chief Executive, on 14 October 2021 took a decision to enter into an exchange of contracts to acquire 2 properties: Northfield Hostel and Land at Lanham Way. This required a 5 % deposit payment for each site to be paid by Oxford City Council to Oxfordshire County Council (to be placed in a holding account with the purchaser's lawyers). Completion of the contracts was subject to the receipt of satisfactory planning permission for each site. The deposit was returnable in the event completion did not occur.</p> <p>Cabinet, on 15 March 2023, recommended to Council an uplift in the budget for Lanham Way of 361k based on the construction tender process outcome. This results in an amended approved budget of £5,045,886. This was agreed by Council on 20 March 2023.</p>
What decision was made?	To award a JCT design and build contract to Feltham Construction Limited to deliver the Lanham Way housing project, accessed from Medhurst Way in Littlemore, Oxford.
Purpose:	The decision will enable the delivery of 10 affordable housing units for the City Council/HRA (subject to completion of the land purchase). This will be an important contribution of units to the City Council's affordable homes delivery programme.
Reasons:	The build contract was tendered through a Framework process, with evaluation of tenders leading to the proposed award.
Decision made by:	Stephen Gabriel, Executive Director (Communities and People)
Other options considered:	Not to award the contract. This option was rejected as it would not enable the additional affordable housing to be delivered.


Documents considered:	Tender report (commercially confidential, exempt).
Key or Not Key:	Key (expenditure or savings of £500,000 or greater)
Wards significantly affected:	None
Declared conflict of interest:	None
This form was completed by: Name & title: Date:	Vicky Trietline Senior Development Manager 16 May 2023

Approval checklist

<i>Approver</i>	<i>Name and job title</i>	<i>Date</i>
Decision maker	Stephen Gabriel – Executive Director Communities and People 	15 May 2023

Consultee Checklist

Chief Executive	Caroline Green, Chief Executive 	15 May 2023
Senior Officer	Dave Scholes – Affordable Housing Supply Corporate Lead	20 April 2023
Head of Financial Services	Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services 	27 April 2023

Head of Law and Governance	Rhian Davies, Interim Head of Law and Governance 	3 May 2023
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Linda Smith Cabinet Member for Housing	28 April 2023