

DECISIONS DELEGATED TO OFFICERS

Decision title:	Purchase of 17 Blay Close, Oxford
Decision date:	30/05/2023
Source of delegation:	<p>Cabinet, on 19 April 2023, resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the Council becoming part of the Local Authority Housing Fund in order to deliver 6 new affordable homes; 2. Recommend to Council the allocation of a £2,330,320 capital budget from the Housing Revenue Account for the Council's investment to purchase the properties as part of Local Authority Housing Fund; and 3. Delegate authority to the Executive Director (Communities & People) in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing; the Head of Financial Services/Section 151 Officer; and the Head of Law and Governance/Monitoring Officer, to enter into agreements and contracts to facilitate the purchase by the Council of housing (to be held in the HRA) within the identified budget and within the project approval. <p>Council, on 17 May 2023, resolved to approve the allocation of a £2,330,320 capital budget from the Housing Revenue Account for the Council's investment to purchase properties as part of the Local Authority Housing Fund.</p>
What decision was made?	To purchase a two-bedroom flat at 17 Blay Close for the sum of £195,000 to let as an Affordable Housing property through the Local Authority Housing Fund.
Purpose:	The decision enables the purchase of the unit into the HRA as social rent to provide an Affordable Housing opportunity, in accordance with the conditions of the Fund.

Reasons:	Cabinet, on 19 April 2023, resolved to approve the Council becoming part of the Local Authority Housing Fund, a national fund to support local authorities in providing accommodation to Ukrainian and Afghan refugees settled in the UK under various government schemes.
Decision made by:	Stephen Gabriel, Executive Director (Communities and People)
Other options considered:	Not to purchase the property. This option was rejected as it would not enable the affordable housing to be delivered or the conditions of the Fund to be met.
Documents considered:	None
Key or Not Key:	Not Key
Wards significantly affected:	None
Declared conflict of interest:	None
This form was completed by: Name & title: Date:	Andrew Dorrington Affordable Housing Development Officer 27/04/2023

Approval checklist

<i>Approver</i>	<i>Name and job title</i>	<i>Date</i>
Decision maker	Stephen Gabriel, Executive Director (Communities and People) S.G.	30/05/2023

Consultee checklist

Senior officer	Dave Scholes Affordable Housing Supply Corporate Lead	28/04/2023
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Head of Financial Services	Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services 	25/05/2023
Head of Law and Governance	Rhian Davies, Interim Head of Law and Governance 	15/05/2023
Cabinet Member	Councilor Linda Smith Cabinet Member for Housing	05/05/2023