


DECISIONS DELEGATED TO OFFICERS


Decision title:	Entering into a development agreement with Oxford City Housing (Development) Limited for the sale and construction of 40 units at Marston Paddock
Decision date:	13 October 2023
Source of delegation:	<p>Cabinet, on 14 December 2022 (Delivery of Affordable Housing (Railway Lane and Marston Paddock)) resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grant project approval for the continued acquisition of affordable dwellings developed by OCHL for which budgetary provision has been made in the Council's Housing Revenue Account in respect of: (i) Railway Lane, Littlemore (referenced in paragraphs 3 to 10 of this report) and (ii) Marston Paddock, Butts Lane, Old Marston; and 2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director (Development), in consultation with the Executive Director (Communities and People), the Cabinet Member for Housing, the Head of Financial Services/ Section 151 Officer and the Head of Law and Governance, to enter into agreements and facilitate the agreed purchase by the Council of these developments, with all the affordable housing units from OCHL to be held in the HRA, within this project approval for the Railway Lane and Marston Paddock sites.
What decision was made?	To enter into a development agreement with Oxford City Housing (Development) Limited for the sale and construction of units at Marston Paddock for the purpose of the delivery of 40 new affordable homes for the HRA. The agreement is between OCC and OCH(D)L and supports OCH(D)L's sale and development agreement with Lucy Developments Limited.
Purpose:	Cabinet, on 14 December 2022, gave project approval for the continued acquisition of affordable dwellings developed by OCH(D)L for which budgetary provision has been made in the Council's Housing Revenue Account in respect of: (i) Railway Lane, Littlemore and (ii) Marston Paddock, Butts Lane, Old Marston. The decision enables the delivery of 40 affordable housing units at Marston Paddock, contributing to the City Council's affordable homes delivery programme.
Reasons:	The contract between OCC and OCH(D)L provides the

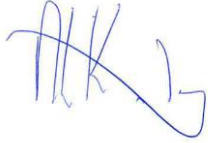
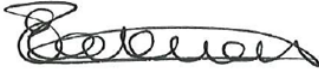
	legal underpinning of the acquisition of 40 homes at Marston Paddock into the HRA. Subject to this contract being in place, OCH(D)L will enter a contract with Lucy Developments Limited to purchase the land and development of these 40 homes. These new homes form part of the OCH(D)L and HRA business plans, and as such meet both organisations' objectives.
Decision made by:	Tom Bridgman, Executive Director (Development)
Other options considered:	Not to enter into the development agreement. This option was rejected as it would not enable the delivery of 40 affordable housing units for the City Council / HRA.
Documents considered:	Scheme appraisal report (exempt, commercially sensitive)
Key or Not Key:	Key
Wards significantly affected:	None
Declared conflict of interest:	None
This form was completed by: Name & title: Date:	Dave Scholes Affordable Housing Supply Corporate Lead 2 October 2023

Approval checklist

<i>Approver</i>	<i>Name and job title</i>	<i>Date</i>
Decision maker	Tom Bridgman, Executive Director (Development) 	13 October 2023

Consultee checklist

<i>Approver</i>	<i>Name and job title</i>	<i>Date</i>
Executive Director (Communities and People)	Peter Matthews, Interim Executive Director (Communities and People) 	3 October 2023

Head of Financial Services	Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services 	3 October 2023
Head of Law and Governance	Emma Jackman, Head of Law and Governance 	4 October 2023
Cabinet Member	Councillor Linda Smith, Cabinet Member for Housing	4 October 2023