**DECISIONS DELEGATED TO OFFICERS**

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| **Decision title:**  | Grant agreement with Homes England in relation to the Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme (SHAP) 2023-28 |
| **Decision date:** | 30 October 2023 |
| **Source of delegation:**  | Cabinet, [on 9 August 2023](https://mycouncil.oxford.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=527&MId=7517&Ver=4), resolved to:1. Approve the Council’s participation in the Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme (SHAP) in order to purchase 12 new units for Housing First alongside commissioning support for a total of 17 units, including 5 units drawn from general needs stock; and 4. Delegate authority to the Executive Director (Communities and 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, as well as to enter into or amend agreements or contracts in relation to support provision (revenue spend) in line with procurement requirements. |
| **What decision was made?**  | To enter into a grant agreement with Homes England in relation to the Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme 2023-2028. |
| **Purpose:**  | The decision will support and enable the delivery of Oxford City Council’s Affordable Housing Programme to help resolve the homelessness of some of the most disadvantaged in our community. Housing First is an internationally evidenced housing intervention which has proven successful in supporting those with multiple and complex needs to maintain housing. |
| **Reasons:**  | For a full analysis, please see the [report to Cabinet dated 9 August 2023](https://mycouncil.oxford.gov.uk/documents/s74457/Housing%20First%20Acquisition%20Programme.pdf). |
| **Decision made by:**  | Peter Matthew, Interim Executive Director (Communities and People) |
| **Other options considered:**  | Not to enter into the grant agreement. This option was rejected as it would result in a missed opportunity to deliver the benefits of the Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme (SHAP). It would also result in a missed funding opportunity and be contrary to Cabinet’s decision of 9 August 2023. |
| **Documents considered:** | [Report to Cabinet, 9 August 2023](https://mycouncil.oxford.gov.uk/documents/s74457/Housing%20First%20Acquisition%20Programme.pdf) |
| **Key or Not Key:** | Key (income or expenditure over £500,000) |
| **Wards significantly affected:**  | None |
| **Declared conflict of interest:**  | None |
| **This form was completed by:****Name & title:****Date:** | Ossi MosleyRough Sleeping & Single Homelessness Manager24/10/2023 |

**Approval checklist**

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| ***Approver*** | ***Name and job title*** | ***Date***  |
| **Decision maker** | Peter Matthew, Interim Executive Director (Communities and People) | 30 October 2023 |

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| ***Approver*** | ***Name and job title*** | ***Date***  |
| **Senior officer** | Nerys Parry, Head of Housing  | 30 October 2023 |
| **Head of Financial Services** | Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services  | 30 October 2023 |
| **Head of Law and Governance** | Emma Jackman, Head of Law and Governance | 30 October 2023 |
| **Cabinet Member** | Councillor Linda SmithCabinet Member for Housing  | 30 October 2023 |