


## DECISIONS DELEGATED TO OFFICERS

<b>Decision title:</b>	Purchase of 20 Southfield Park, Oxford, OX4 2BA
<b>Decision date:</b>	24 November 2023
<b>Source of delegation:</b>	<p>Cabinet, <a href="#">on 9 August 2023</a> ('Expansion of the Housing First Programme') resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> <p>Council, <a href="#">on 2 October 2023</a>, resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the allocation of a £2,888,000 capital budget (of which £1,688,000 will be borrowed by the Housing Revenue Account) for the Council's investment to purchase the properties as part of the Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme as outlined in paragraph 19, the balance of which will be met by the SHAP grant; and</li> <li>2. Approve a budget allocation of £600,000 to cover revenue costs to commission support providers to deliver support for the 17 units of Housing First. The funding equates to 3 years' worth of revenue but is spread over 4 financial</li> </ol>

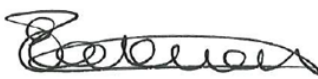
	years (paragraph 18).
<b>What decision was made?</b>	Purchase of a 1-bedroomed flat at 20 Southfield Park from the open market for the sum of £200,000 for the purpose of adding to the Council's HRA stock in order to let as an Affordable Housing property.
<b>Purpose:</b>	The decision allows the purchase of the unit into the HRA as social rent to provide an affordable housing opportunity to support, and enable the delivery of, Oxford City's Affordable Housing Programme in order to help resolve the homelessness of some of the most disadvantaged people in our community.
<b>Reasons:</b>	Housing First is an internationally evidenced housing intervention, which has proven successful in supporting people with multiple and complex needs to maintain housing.
<b>Decision made by:</b>	Peter Matthew, Interim Executive Director (Communities and People)
<b>Other options considered:</b>	Not to purchase the property. This option was rejected as it would not allow the affordable housing to be delivered or the aims of the Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme to be met.
<b>Documents considered:</b>	<a href="#">Report to Cabinet</a> dated 9 August 2023.
<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>	Andrew Dorrington Affordable Housing Development Officer 7 November 2023

### Approval checklist

<i>Approver</i>	<i>Name and job title</i>	<i>Date</i>
<b>Decision maker</b>	Peter Matthew, Interim Executive Director (Communities and People)	24 November 2023

		
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**Consultee checklist**

<b>Approver</b>	<b>Name and job title</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Senior officer</b>	Dave Scholes Affordable Housing Supply Corporate Lead	7 November 2023
<b>Head of Financial Services</b>	Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services 	16 November 2023
<b>Head of Law and Governance</b>	Emma Jackman, Head of Law and Governance 	10 November 2023
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Councillor Linda Smith Cabinet Member for Housing	8 November 2023