


DECISIONS DELEGATED TO OFFICERS

Decision title:	Purchase of 16 Green Road, Headington, Oxford, OX3 8JZ
Decision date:	12 December 2023
Source of delegation:	<p>Cabinet, on 13 September 2023, resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the Council becoming part of the Local Authority Housing Fund Round 2 in order to deliver 4 new affordable homes; 2. Recommend to Council the allocation of £1,863,100 capital budget from the Housing Revenue Account for the Council's investment to purchase the properties as part of Local Authority Housing Fund Round 2, with £1,069,860 being funded from HRA borrowing and the rest covered by grant of £793,240; and 3. 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 this project approval. <p>Council, on 2 October 2023, resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the allocation of £1,863,100 capital budget from the Housing Revenue Account for the Council's investment to purchase the properties as part of Local Authority Housing Fund Round 2, with £1,069,860 being funded from HRA borrowing and the rest covered by grant of £793,240.
What decision was made?	Purchase of a three-bedroom maisonette for the sum of £270,000 to provide an affordable housing property through the Local Authority Housing Fund Round 2.
Purpose:	To purchase the unit where the Council

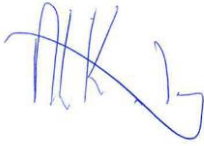
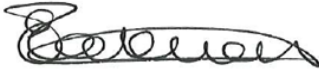
	owns the freehold to put back into the HRA as social rent in order to provide an affordable housing opportunity.
Reasons:	The Council has approval to purchase four properties to offer as affordable social housing for the Local Housing Authority Fund Round 2 programme. As a result of savings and value for money obtained, there is scope within the budget to acquire an additional unit using the grant funding allocated to the Council by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.
Decision made by:	Peter Matthew, Interim Executive Director (Communities and People)
Other options considered:	To not complete the purchase. This option was rejected as it would not allow the affordable housing to be delivered.
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 01/12/2023

Approval checklist

<i>Approver</i>	<i>Name and job title</i>	<i>Date</i>
Decision Maker	Peter Matthew, Interim Executive Director (Communities and People) 	12 December 2023

Consultee checklist

<i>Approver</i>	<i>Name and job title</i>	<i>Date</i>
Senior officer	Dave Scholes Affordable Housing Supply Corporate Lead	1 December 2023

Head of Financial Services	Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services 	12 December 2023
Head of Law and Governance	Emma Jackman, Head of Law and Governance 	1 December 2023
Cabinet Member	Councillor Linda Smith, Cabinet Member for Housing	1 December 2023