


DECISIONS DELEGATED TO OFFICERS

Decision title:	Purchase of 11 Mole Close, Greater Leys, Oxford, OX4 7SD
Decision date:	24 January 2024
Source of delegation:	<p>Cabinet, on 9 August 2023 ('Expansion of the Housing First Programme') resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Council, on 2 October 2023, resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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

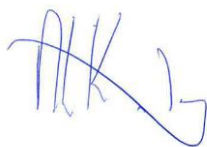
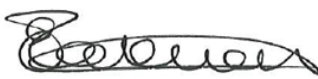
	years (paragraph 18).
What decision was made?	Purchase of a 1-bedroomed flat at 11 Mole Close from the open market for the sum of £205,000 for the purpose of adding to the Council's HRA stock in order to let as an Affordable Housing property.
Purpose:	The decision allows the purchase of the unit into 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.
Reasons:	Housing First is an internationally evidenced housing intervention, which has proven successful in supporting people with multiple and complex needs to maintain housing.
Decision made by:	Peter Matthew, Interim Executive Director (Communities and People)
Other options considered:	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.
Documents considered:	Report to Cabinet dated 9 August 2023.
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 15 January 2024

Approval checklist

<i>Approver</i>	<i>Name and job title</i>	<i>Date</i>
Decision maker	Peter Matthew, Interim Executive Director (Communities and People)	24 January 2024

		
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Consultee checklist

Approver	Name and job title	Date
Senior officer	Dave Scholes Affordable Housing Supply Corporate Lead	15 January 2024
Head of Financial Services	Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services 	24 January 2024
Head of Law and Governance	Emma Jackman, Head of Law and Governance 	23 January 2024
Cabinet Member	Councillor Linda Smith Cabinet Member for Housing	24 January 2024