**DECISIONS DELEGATED TO OFFICERS**

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| **Decision title:** | Purchase of flat E at 99 Oliver Road, Oxford, OX4 2JH |
| **Decision date:** | 06 March 2024 |
| **Source of delegation:** | Cabinet, [on 13 September 2023](https://mycouncil.oxford.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=527&MId=7518&Ver=4), resolved to:  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.  Council, [on 2 October 2023](https://mycouncil.oxford.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=157&MId=7528&Ver=4), resolved to:  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 one-bedroom flat at £210,000 to provide as an affordable housing property through the Local Authority Housing Fund. |
| **Purpose:** | To purchase the unit and freehold into the HRA as social rent 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, and 5 properties in the Round 1 programme. This decision allocates the remaining forecasted budget of LAHF Rounds 1 & 2 to maximise the budget and increase delivering of affordable housing into the HRA. |
| **Decision made by:** | Peter Matthew, 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. |
| **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  22/02/2024 |

**Approval checklist**

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| ***Approver*** | ***Name and job title*** | ***Date*** |
| **Decision maker** | Peter Matthew, Executive Director (Communities and People) | 06 March 2024 |

**Consultee checklist**

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| ***Approver*** | ***Name and job title*** | ***Date*** |
| **Senior officer** | Dave Scholes  Affordable Housing Supply Corporate Lead | 22 February 2024 |
| **Head of Financial Services** | Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services | 22 February 2024 |
| **Head of Law and Governance** | Emma-Louise Jackman, Head of Law and Governance | 04 March 2024 |
| **Cabinet Member** | Linda Smith  Cabinet Member for Housing | 22 February 2024 |