

DECISIONS DELEGATED TO OFFICERS

Complete this form to record details of all decisions made by officers acting under delegated powers. Send the completed form to forwardplan@oxford.gov.uk

Decision title:	Disposal of HRA Properties
Decision date:	10 December 2024
Source of delegation: State how the decision was delegated. Was it an express delegation made at a meeting or a general delegation under the Council's Constitution?	Express delegation made on 15 June 2022 at Cabinet to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the disposal of the freeholds of 39 Long Close, 163 Walton Street, 8 Cowley Road and 46 Stubbs Avenue; 2. Approve the use of the resulting capital receipt into the General Fund for regeneration purposes; and 3. Delegate authority to the Executive Director (Communities and People), in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, to approve the terms of sale for each property
What decision was made? Explain briefly – include financial details of any income or expenditure relating directly to this decision. Please indicate whether information is exempt / confidential.	To approve the bid for 8 Cowley Road at a sale price of £390,000.
Purpose: What does the decision deliver or achieve?	To sell a dwelling house that is beyond economical repair.
Reasons: Please provide the reasons for the decision.	The dwelling house is beyond repair and the recommended bid provides best value.
Decision made by: Name and title of officer within the senior management structure	Peter Matthew, Executive Director (Communities & People)
Other options considered: List any alternatives that were available to the decision taker and why they were rejected	To carry out the work required to bring the dwelling house back into repair. This option was rejected as it would have been prohibitive and did not represent value for money.
Documents considered: Please attach any new documents relevant to the decision and state if they are exempt	None
Key or Not Key: (see notes	Not Key

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below):	
Wards significantly affected: If 2+ wards are significantly affected this will need to be treated as a key decision (see notes below)	St Mary's
Declared conflict of interest: Please record any declared conflict of interest by any Cabinet Member consulted on the decision which relates to the decision.	None
This form was completed by: Name & title: Date:	Bill Graves Landlord Services Manager 10/12/2024

Approval checklist

<i>Approver</i>	<i>Name and job title</i>	<i>Date</i>
Decision maker The officer with authority to take the decision, either from a Cabinet delegation or in the Constitution.	Peter Matthew, Executive Director, Communities & People	10/12/2024

Consultee checklist

<i>Consultees</i>	<i>Name and job title</i>	<i>Date</i>
Senior officer e.g. the relevant service manager / head of service where the decision maker is the Chief Executive or an Executive Director.	Nerys Parry, Head of Housing Services	10/12/2024
Head of Financial Services If required by the delegation / Constitution	Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services	10/12/2024

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<p>Head of Law and Governance</p> <p>If required by the delegation / Constitution</p>	<p>Emma Jackman, Head of Law & Governance</p>	<p>09/12/2024</p>
<p>Cabinet Member(s)</p> <p>Some Cabinet delegations require consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member(s). For other decisions there is an expectation that Cabinet Members will be informed.</p>	<p>Councillor Linda Smith, Cabinet Member for Housing</p>	<p>10/12/2024</p>
<p>Ward Members</p> <p>Ward Members should be told in advance about anything which particularly affects their ward and which is potentially controversial but please note that Cabinet Members must be consulted first</p>	<p>Councillors Chris Jarvis & Emily Kerr</p>	<p>10/12/2024</p>

This form must be completed and sent to Committee and Member Services **as soon as reasonably practicable** after the decision is made. Prompt notification is particularly important for **key decisions** which are subject to call-in, as the call-in deadline is 2 working days from the decision notice being published. Before completing the form please refer to the notes below

NOTES

The law¹ requires the Council to record executive and non-executive decisions taken by officers under delegated powers and to publish them on the Council's website.

These requirements **apply** to decisions that would have been taken by Council or the Cabinet if delegated powers had not been given to an officer:

- under an express delegation granted at a meeting of Cabinet, Council or a Committee.
- under a general delegation (where responsibility is delegated in the Constitution) and the effect of the decision is to:
 - grant a permission or licence;
 - affect the rights of an individual;
 - award a contract or incur expenditure with a value in excess of £10,000;

¹ the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012/2089 (Regulation 13(4)) and The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014/2095 (Regulation 7)

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- award a contract with a value in excess of £10,000 but less than £1,000,000;
- acquire or dispose of freeholds or leaseholds with a consideration or premium in excess of £10,000 but less than £500,000;
- grant to new tenants or dispose of leases with a rental value in excess of £10,000 but less than £125,000 (this excludes assignments, holding over and rent reviews);
- grant 'project approval' for projects in excess of £10,000 but less than £500,000;
- make a regulatory order which affects a number of people, for example a Public Space Protection Order or a Parking Place Order;

These requirements **do not** apply to:

- planning and licencing matters where there are established arrangements for recording decisions: or
- decisions which are purely administrative or operational in nature

Officers making such decisions must complete a written statement containing details of the decision taken. A copy of this decision notice must be retained by the relevant service for at least 6 years and any background papers for 4 years.

Exempt or Confidential information

Information relating to a delegated officer decision does not have to be made public if it is exempt or confidential. Summary information from this decision sheet (excluding all exempt or confidential information) will be published on the Council's website.

Key or Non Key Decision

A key decision is an executive decision likely to have a significant effect on people living or working in at least two wards; or involve spending or saving a significant amount. For this Council 'significant' in budgetary terms is:

- a. Expenditure or savings of £500,000 or greater in the context of the medium term financial strategy;
- b. Contract awards with a value of £1,000,000 or greater
- c. Acquiring or disposing of freeholds or leaseholds with a consideration or premium over £500,000 in the context of the medium term financial strategy except for disposals pursuant to right to buy legislation
- d. Acquiring or disposing of leases with a rental value over £125,000 each year except statutory lease renewals under Part II of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954.

A key decision can only be taken and recorded here if notice of it has been published in the Forward Plan for at least 28 clear days. Key decisions taken by officers may be "called in" by any four councillors or the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee within two days of the notice of decision being published.

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