

Decision taken by: Councillor David Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Housing and Special Projects

Subject: **LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING FUND**

Key decision: Yes

Date decision taken: 14 March 2023

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Special Projects is asked to consider urgently the matters raised in this report to enable the Council to take up the Government's offer of £1.2m of Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) grant. The funding will facilitate the purchase of ten properties to temporarily accommodate Ukrainian and Afghan refugees. The timeframe for the Council to confirm that it wishes to accept the grant funding is very short and it is required to submit a Memorandum of Understanding to the Government by 15 March 2023.

DECISION:

- 1. To receive and note this report.**
- 2. To confirm that the Council should submit the signed Memorandum of Association and participate in the LAHF initiative and purchase the ten properties.**
- 3. That the Individual Cabinet Member decision be reported to Cabinet at the earliest opportunity.**

Reasons for decision:

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Special projects is asked to consider urgently the matters raised in this report, to enable the Council to take up the Local Authority Housing Fund grant resources. The Council is required to submit a Memorandum of Understanding to the Government by 15 March 2023.

Alternative Options (if any)

None


Declarations or personal/prejudicial Interests:

None

Background Documents:

None

The decision set out above (as amended if applicable) was made by me and I confirm that I have no personal or prejudicial interest in the matter.



Signed:

Date: 14 March 2023

Councillor David Godfrey
Cabinet Member for Housing and Special Projects

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Call-In and Implementation:

Call-In deadline: N/A – exempt from Call-in

Implementation: Wednesday 15 March 2023

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Decision Called-in: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If the decision is not called-in by the above deadline, it will be implemented on the date shown.
Call-in
Date of Review _____
Outcome of Call-in: Refer Back <input type="checkbox"/> Refer to Council <input type="checkbox"/> Implement <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Authorisation to Implement Decision: _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Head of Paid Service/Director</p> <p>Date: _____</p>