

Local Authority Housing Fund

Item CB 24/98 referred from Cabinet of 3 September 2024

(Reason: LGA 1972 – Sch 12A Paragraph 3 – Financial or business affairs of any particular person)

The report presented details in respect of Round 3 of the Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) which, following a change in criteria and match funding arrangements, was now considered a suitable funding opportunity for the Borough Council. This grant opportunity would support the delivery of temporary accommodation and homes for use under the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme.

A Memorandum of Understanding (attached at Annex 1) detailed the number of units to be delivered and the grant funding requirements.

Cabinet had due regard to the delivery approach presented, the risk assessment, policy, financial and value for money considerations and the legal implications.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) acceptance of the Local Authority Housing Fund Round 3 funding be approved;
- (2) authority be delegated to the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health, in consultation with the Director of Finance and Transformation and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing, to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (attached at Annex 1); and
- (3) the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health liaise with the Director of Finance and Transformation, and relevant Cabinet Members, to enable the Borough Council to move forward with acquisition within the funds set out in the Capital Plan (as set out in (4) below) once a suitable property has been identified.

(Agreed by Cabinet under Decision Notice D240091CAB)

RECOMMENDED*: That

- (4) it be recommended to Full Council that the Capital Plan be updated to include an allowance of up to £400,000 (to be funded from Temporary Accommodation Reserve and/or s106 contributions) as the Borough Council's contribution to the Year 1 property acquisition.

***Recommendation to Council**