

COUNCIL MEETING – 20TH APRIL 2023

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 (2)

**VARIATION TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME – LOCAL AUTHORITY
HOUSING FUND**

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND

On 18th April, the Cabinet will consider a report setting out progress made on the Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) and proposed governance arrangements associated with the purchase of individual properties (Exempt Report No. ACE2303 attached as Appendix 1).

In December 2022, the Government announced the Local Authority Housing Fund and advised that the Council would be receiving £719,275 as an allocation. This allocation has subsequently been increased to £836,374 to facilitate the purchase of an additional property. This fund aims to reduce housing pressures on local authorities arising from the conflicts in Afghanistan and Ukraine.

Arrangements have already been put in place to meet the match funding requirements of the fund and the Exempt Cabinet Report No. ACE2303 sets out the proposed next steps and governance associated with the purchase of individual properties.

It is also possible that the Council will continue to receive delegated funding from Hampshire County Council's Home for Ukraine fund and the proposed governance arrangements for any continued funding are also set out in the Appendix.

RECOMMENDATION

Subject to the Cabinet decision on 18th April 2023, the Council is **RECOMMENDED** to approve the addition of £1,818,089 to the Capital Programme for 2023/24 for the purchase of LAHF funded properties, noting the capital financing implications of the match funding as set out in Exempt Appendix 1 attached to this Report.

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