

# Decision Notice

## Delegated Decision

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<b>Decision No:</b>	<b>DD40</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING AWARDED FROM THE LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING FUND - ROUND 3</b>
<b>Notification Date:</b>	<b>12 April 2024</b>
<b>Implementation Date:</b>	<b>26 March 2024</b>
<b>Decision taken by:</b>	<b>Helen Lamb, Head of Finance and Investment</b>
<b>Delegated Authority:</b>	<p>In accordance with Cabinet Decision CAB 26 of 4 September 2023, the Head of Finance and Investment is authorised as follows:</p> <p>(b) ‘In consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Skills and Education, to take the necessary decisions and actions to progress the project and purchase the properties including (but not limited to) accepting LAHF grant funding from Kent County Council, agreeing the purchase price, approving the sale purchase agreements, appointing any necessary professional advisers and agreeing works to bring the properties up to lettable standards.</p> <p>(c) ‘In consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Skills and Education, to accept further funding, if awarded, from the LAHF and acquire additional properties as required by the grant funding conditions and in accordance with recommendation (b).’</p>
<b>Decision Type:</b>	<b>Executive Key Decision</b>
<b>Call-In to Apply?</b>	<b>No (<i>The Chairman of the Council has agreed to suspend call-in for the reasons set out in paragraph 1.2 below</i>)</b>
<b>Classification:</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>

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<b>Reason for the Decision:</b>	To enter into an agreement with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to accept capital grant funding via the Local Authority Housing Fund - Round 3 in order to facilitate the acquisition of the 8 properties.
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<b>Decision:</b>	To accept grant funding totalling £1,190,000 from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities via the Local Authority Housing Fund - Round 3 and acquire properties as required by the grant funding conditions.
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### 1. Consideration and Alternatives

1.1 See attached report.

1.2 The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities requires the funding to be accepted by 28 March 2024, and a Memorandum of Understanding entered into by 31 May 2024. If this is not achieved, the funding will be lost. Call-in, if exercised, could

delay this process, and Councillor Gordon Cowan, the Chairman of the Council, has therefore agreed to suspend call-in.

2. **Any Conflicts of Interest Declared?**

2.1 None.

3. **Supporting Information**

3.1 See attached report.