

## OFFICER DECISION RECORD

<b>Lead Officer:</b> Dan Horn, Assistant Director	<b>Service:</b> Housing & Community Support
<b>CMT Officer:</b> Peter Catchpole, Corporate Director and Chief Finance Officer	<b>Delegated Power Being Exercised:</b> Part 3 - Responsibilities for Functions; Tables 4 and 5, paragraph 8:  To be responsible for, and do anything required for the proper administration of the financial affairs of the Council
<b>Subject of Decision:</b> Utilising funding received from the Local Authority Housing Fund LAHF - to approve the completion of a house purchase.	

### Decision to be taken:

Following cabinet approval on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 which authorised:

**Approve receipt of the LA Housing Fund grant in the sum of £873,932 for the purposes described.**

- **Authorise entry into the prescribed Memorandum of Understanding with DLHUC for receiving the grant as set out in Appendix A; and**
- **Fund the residual element for the 9 properties to be purchased, delegated to the Section 151 officer to determine in consultation with Investment Board Members. Range of funding needed has been identified in the confidential Appendix B**
- **Purchase properties outside PE13 and PE14 post code areas.**

This officer decision notice is to record the decision to complete 1 house purchase – 3 Daisy Avenue, March, Cambs

### Decision:

The purchase of 1 of the 9 properties as part of the LAHF programme in accordance with cabinet CAB68/22 at a purchase price of £205,000

### Reason for the Decisions:

I am permitting we buy the property for the purchase price of £205,000 (with grant of £88,000 towards the purchase and related costs) for the following reasons:

- I have looked at the documentation supplied as part of the sale including:
  - Memorandum of Sale,
  - Solicitor's Report,
  - Contract and Transfer and
  - Valuation and Survey Report.
- I am satisfied that the purchase falls within the remit of what cabinet approved including:
  - It is within the financial thresholds of the confidential appendix.
  - The signed LAHF MOU with Government
  - The location of the property
  - The view of Investment Board

### Alternative Options Considered (if appropriate):

Not applicable.

**Background/Reports/Information considered and attached:**

[Report and Appendix A.pdf \(fenland.gov.uk\)](#)

**Legal and Procurement Implications**

As set out in para 6.1 to 6.6 of the cabinet report agenda item reference Cab68/22 - 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 .

**Financial Implications**

As set out in para 6.7 – 6.11 of the same report

**Decision Maker's Signature:**

Peter Catchpole

**Date:** 25 October 2023

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**Implementation Date: 1 November 2023  
(if not called-in)  
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of decision)**

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