

## OFFICER DECISION RECORD

<b>Lead Officer:</b> Dan Horn, Assistant Director	<b>Service:</b> Housing & Community Support
<b>CMT Officer:</b> Mark Saunders, Chief Accountant on behalf of 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 Round 1 & 2 - to approve the completion of 4 house purchases - each are 3 bedroom properties	

### Decision Taken:

The purchase of 4 properties as part of the LAHF programme in accordance with cabinet approvals (CAB68/22 and CAB17/23) at a total purchase price of £932,000.

### Decision to be taken:

Following cabinet approvals on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 which authorised approval to purchase properties utilising LAHF grant received.

This officer decision notice is to record the decision to complete 4 house purchases at Whittlesey Fields development Whittlesey (Taylor Wimpey).

### Reason for the Decisions:

I am permitting that we buy the properties at:

Whittlesey Fields development, Eastrea Road, Whittlesey:

LAHF Round 1:

- Plot 45 for the purchase price of £233,000
- Plot 48 for the purchase price of £233,000

LAHF Round 2:

- Plot 56 for the purchase price of £233,000
- Plot 126 for the purchase price of £233,000

with an estimated grant of £396,024 (R1 = £176,000 and R2 = £220,024) towards these purchases and related costs for the following reasons:

- I have looked at the documentation supplied as part of the sale including:
  - Memorandum of Sale,
  - Valuation Report.
  - Solicitor's Report and contract to be confirmed satisfactory prior to exchange of contracts
- 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)  
  
LAHF Cabinet Report - July 2023.pdf (fenland.gov.uk)

Officer's Signature:  
Mark Saunders on behalf of Peter Catchpole

Date:  
22 November 2023

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**Implementation Date: 29 November 2023  
(if not called-in)  
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