

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2023/24
Decision No.
2476

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 9 October 2023

Portfolio	Housing
Subject:	Facilitating the use of the Local Authority Housing Fund
Report of:	Director of Housing
Corporate Priority:	Providing housing choices

Purpose:

To seek Executive endorsement and apply for the Local Authority Housing Fund. This funding will be used to provide three homes for Afghan families and one home for temporary accommodation.

The report details the Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF). This is a matched funded opportunity to provide three 2-4 be properties for the resettlement of Afghan families. There is also provision for funding of one temporary accommodation home.

In order to meet the criteria of the funding, the properties must be in the ownership of the Council by 29 March 2024. To expediate the process, all Officers normally involved with procurement of new properties have been briefed on the funding and are investigating procurement avenues.

The Executive is requested to approve the purchases being delegated to the Director of Housing, following consultation with the Executive Member for Housing.

The confidential Appendix details the estimated costs of the matched funding.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the use of the Local Authority Housing Fund to provide three homes for Afghan families and one home for temporary accommodation to be held in the Housing Revenue Account; and
- (b) agrees that, following consultation with the Executive Member for Housing, authority for their purchase be delegated to the Director of Housing.

Reason:

To secure Government funding for the provision of accommodation for the resettlement of Afghan families in the UK and to assist with other homeless households.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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