



## RECORD OF OFFICER DELEGATED DECISIONS

TITLE:	Purchase of five homes in Boston
DECISION:	<p>BBC will purchase five newbuild homes in Boston, from a developer.</p> <p>During 2023, Cabinet and Council agreed to take part in the Local Authority Housing Fund Programme and accepted a £471,950 grant allocation. The funding was to enable the authority to provide five new homes which will provide sustainable housing to those on Afghan resettlement schemes who are at risk of homelessness; reduce local housing pressures beyond those on Afghan resettlement schemes by providing better quality temporary accommodation; and reduce emergency, temporary and bridging accommodation costs.</p> <p>The homes will be purchased between January to March 2024, in line with the funding requirements and will immediately be available for occupation. This decision relates to the purchase of all five homes and will conclude the LAHF Round 2 funding programme.</p>
DECISION MADE BY:	Matthew Hogan, Assistant Director – Strategic Growth & Development
DATE DECISION MADE:	19 January 2024
REASON FOR DECISION:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To fulfil the decision of Cabinet and Council to deliver homes within the Local Authority Housing Fund programme.</li> <li>2. To meet short, medium and long-term housing needs within the district.</li> <li>3. To increase the provision of affordable housing in the district.</li> <li>4. To increase the number of homes owned by the authority, which enables the authority to directly deliver solutions to housing issues within the district.</li> </ol>
DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:	Do Nothing. In this event the authority would not proceed to purchase these properties. Officers would seek to identify alternative, appropriate properties to acquire.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION:	<p>ESTIMATED COST:</p> <p>FUNDED FROM:</p>
AUTHORITY FOR DECISION:	In August 2023, Cabinet delegated authority to the Assistant Director of Strategic Growth and Development, in conjunction with the Leader and the Portfolio Holder for Housing, to make decisions relating to the purchase of properties.

CONSULTATION WITH PORTFOLIO HOLDER REQUIRED:	YES	PORTFOLIO HOLDER SIGNATURE: (If consulted)	
SUPPORTING PAPERS:	Cabinet Report <a href="#">(Public Pack)Agenda Document for Cabinet, 02/08/2023 18:30 (boston.gov.uk)</a>  Council report <a href="#">(Public Pack)Agenda Document for Full Council, 18/09/2023 18:30 (boston.gov.uk)</a>		
OFFICER/COUNCILLOR INTERESTS DECLARED:	None		
CONTACT PERSON:	Matthew Hogan, Assistant Director – Strategic Growth & Development	Telephone number:	07776 240766
SIGNATURE		Date:	19 January 2024

Notes: When the decision has been made the relevant officer should complete the report within 14 days and send it to Democratic Services for publication on the Council's website in accordance with the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014.