

## Notice of the Making of an Urgent Decision

Para 1 of the second sub-section of section 3 in Part 3 of Chichester District Council's *Constitution* provides for any senior officer to make urgent decisions following consultation with the Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council and the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on any matters where it is not practicable to refer these to a meeting of the Council, the Cabinet or other committee provided that a full report on any decisions taken shall subsequently be made.

A decision of this nature has been made as set out below:

Decision title	Approval for officers to proceed with the Local Authority Housing Fund (Round 2)
Decision taker	Kerry Standing
Decision consultees	Councillor Adrian Moss – Leader Councillor Donna Johnson - Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Councillor Tracie Bangert (in Councillor Betts absence)
Decision date	13 July 2023
Decision details	<p>The Local Authority Housing Fund (Round 2) is an additional scheme to the Local Authority Housing Fund (Round 1) which the Council is already progressing. Round 2 was announced in June 2023 and has been set up with most of the funding to be used to house those on the Afghan resettlement schemes currently in bridging accommodation and the rest used to ease wider homelessness pressures.</p> <p>The Council has been allocated £570,000 for Round 2 to deliver 3 units of accommodation with a target delivery date of March 2024. To meet this timeframe, the recommended delivery model is to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with a Registered Provider(s) of social housing.</p> <p>In the absence of a Cabinet meeting officers be authorised to proceed with the Local Authority Housing Fund as follows: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval is given for officers to submit the necessary verification and to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department for Levelling up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) to participate in the scheme.</li> <li>• To accept grant funding of £570,000 to fund the delivery of affordable housing units that meet the scheme criteria for the specified cohort.</li> <li>• That delegated powers are given to the Director of Housing and Communities, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, Revenues and Benefits to spend the</li> </ul>

	<p>funds in accordance with the grant conditions, to enter a MOU with a Registered Provider(s) of social housing to deliver the scheme and agree a lettings scheme in accordance with the scheme prospectus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That any further rounds of LAHF are delegated to the Director of Housing and Communities, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, Revenues and Benefits to proceed (and delegated to the Divisional Manager for Housing, Revenues and Benefits in their absence following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, Revenues and Benefits).</li> </ul>
Reason for urgency	Short deadline
Name and date of the meeting to receive a full report	A full report is not required but the decision will be reported to the next available Cabinet and/or Council meeting.

Louise Rudziak  
Director of Housing and Communities  
13 July 2023