

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Lead Officer: Dan Horn, Assistant Director	Service: Housing & Community Support
CMT Officer: Peter Catchpole, Corporate Director and Chief Finance Officer	Delegated Power Being Exercised: 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.
Subject of Decision: Utilising funding received from the Local Authority Housing Fund LAHF Round 1 & 2 - to approve the completion of 7 house purchases - each is a 2 bedroom property.	

Decision to be Taken:

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

This officer decision notice is to record the decision to complete 7 house purchases at Griffin Close, March from a private developer, Lodge House Ltd.

Decision:

The purchase of 7 properties as part of the LAHF programme in accordance with cabinet approvals at a total purchase price of £1,330,000.

Reason for the Decisions:

I am permitting that we buy the properties at:

Griffin Close, March:

LAHF Round 1:

- Plot 1 & 2 for the purchase price of £190,000 each

LAHF Round 2:

- Plots 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 for the purchase price of £190,000 each

with an estimated grant of £637,48 (R1 = £176,000 and R2 = £461,480) towards these purchases and related costs for the following reasons:

- I have looked at the documentation supplied as part of the sale including:
 - Valuation Report.
 - Solicitor's Report
 - Contract and transfer clauses
- 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 \(fenland.gov.uk\)](#)

Legal and Financial Implications: As set out in two Cabinet reports.

Financial Implications: As set out in two Cabinet reports.

Decision Maker's Signature:

Peter Catchpole, S151 Officer

Date:

20 February 2024

Please forward to Democratic Services upon completion

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