

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I113564
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1. **TITLE:** Local Authority Housing Fund

2. **SERVICE AREA:** People

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

Consider and approve the proposals for the Council to acquire 7 x three bedroom homes and to refurbish 2 x three bedroom properties in our existing stock to be made available for the scheme and to purchase 1 x four bedroom property

Recommend to the Council to approve capital spend of up to a maximum of £3.4m to meet the total cost of acquiring the additional homes, to be funded from a combination of the LAHF grant and long-term borrowing

4 **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

RESOLVED that the Executive consider and approve the proposals for the Council to acquire 7 x three bedroom homes and to refurbish 2 x three bedroom properties in our existing stock to be made available for the scheme.

RECOMMENDED to Council to approve capital spend of up to a maximum of £3.4m to meet the total cost of acquiring the additional homes, to be funded from a combination of the LAHF grant and long-term borrowing.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

- i. There is an opportunity to acquire additional three bedroom temporary accommodation to help alleviate current and anticipated pressure on the housing service for larger family homes due to the additional demand from Ukrainian households in the area as well as Afghan households placed in the borough.
- ii. The Council's current temporary accommodation is predominately two bedroom homes, with a need to increase larger family homes due to current and anticipated demand.
- iii. Any units acquired will be owned and managed by the Council and will be available for use by the housing service as required, including but not limited to Ukrainian and Afghan households in the Borough. The exception to this will be for the four bedroom unit which will need to be provided to a household in bridging accommodation and will become available to the service when no longer required for this purpose.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Detailed within the report.

9. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Executive Director: People

10. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
21 March 2023	28 March 2023