

**Acquisition of Properties**

**17 Bainbridge Road Loughborough**

**Decision under Delegated Powers**

**Officer Requesting Decision**

Beverly Wagstaffe - Housing Strategy and Support Manager

**Officer Making the Decision**

Alison Simmons - Head of Strategic and Private Sector Housing

**Recommendation**

To approve the purchase of 17 Bainbridge Road Loughborough and for the Council to formerly Exchange Contracts and Complete the purchase.

**Reason**

To utilise approved funding for the purchase of additional HRA rental properties.

**Authority for Decision**

Section 8.3, of the Constitution gives delegated authority to the Head of Strategic and Private Sector Housing to acquire additional properties for rent via the HRA where approved funding exists within the Capital Plan for the relevant financial year, and where any property acquired is subject to a Condition Survey, an Independent Valuation, Standard Legal checks, and meets identified housing needs (item 22 on page 8-29).

**Decision and Date**

Signed:



Date: 29th July 2020

Head of Strategic and Private Sector Housing

## **Background**

The following property has now been identified to purchase:

- 17 Bainbridge Road, Loughborough – 2 bedroom house

There is an identified need for this size of property.

The seller of the property has accepted an offer of £161,000.

A Condition Survey, Valuation and Legal checks have all been satisfactorily completed.

## **Comments from HR**

Not applicable

## **Financial Implications**

The cost of acquiring this property is £161,000 with associated fees estimated at £2,500 and stamp duty of £5,500 (total cost of £169,000).

On 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020, Cabinet approved a budget of £1,946,000 for 2020-2021 to support delivery of the Housing Acquisition Policy in acquiring additional HRA properties for rent. A further £501,200 was carried forward to 2020-2021 resulting in a total budget £2,447,200 for 2020-2021.

To date the Council has purchased 1 other property during 2020-2021 for the sum of £203,032 including associated fees with a further £168,411 committed with the purchase of this property.

The total spent to date and including the funds committed equal £371,443, leaving a balance of £2,075,757 available for 2020-2021.

There is sufficient budget to cover the cost of acquiring 17 Bainbridge Road, Loughborough.

## **Risk Management**

No risks identified

Key Decision:

Yes, but exempted from call-in. See agenda item 14; Full Council meeting dated the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Background Papers:

Housing Acquisition Policy approved by Cabinet on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018; reviewed and updated June 2019, DD084