

Date of meeting:	19 June 2023
Title of Report:	Urgent Decisions
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Your Reference:	UD 01 23/24
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

As set out in section 4.5 of Part C and section 14 of Part F of the Constitution, urgent decisions are required to be reported to the next ordinary Council meeting after they were taken. This report sets out the urgent decisions taken since the meeting of Council on 27 February 2023. Copies of the decisions are provided as appendices.

Recommendations and Reasons

Council is requested to note the following decisions taken in line with due process:

- **L42 22/23 – [Local Authority Housing Fund \(LAHF\) grant added to Capital Programme \(03/05/23\)](#)**
 - To add the Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) grant from (Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities; DLUHC) of £1,531,181 to the Capital Programme. Previous decision L35 22/23 refers.
- **SPHC04 22/23 - [Household Support Fund Round 4 \(28/04/23\)](#)**
 - To approve the distribution of Household Support Fund monies through the proposed Framework for Round 4.

Alternative options considered and rejected

None. Urgent decisions are required to be reported to the next ordinary Council meeting after they were taken.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

L42 22/23 – Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) grant added to Capital Programme (03/05/23)

Providing 16 affordable homes for Afghan/Ukrainian refugees, refurbished to EPC C, aligns with the following PCC policies, plans and priorities:

- Policy HEA8 of the Plymouth Plan outlines aims to ensure everyone has access to a decent, safe and affordable home, achieved through identifying sites and delivery programmes to develop a range of new and affordable homes to rent and buy. Section 4.71 of the Plymouth Plan further outlines the significant need for more affordable homes in Plymouth.
- Policy SPT3 of the JLP makes provisions to deliver 4,550 new affordable homes by 2034. In addition, Policy DEV7 of the JLP outlines the need to ensure there is a broad range of housing available to suit households with specific needs, including large family homes.
- This project will refurbish properties to an EPC C rating, thereby improving the energy efficiency of homes and supporting plans to improve the energy efficiency of homes in Plymouth as outlined in the Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP).

SPHC04 22/23 - Household Support Fund Round 4 (28/04/23)

This proposal links to the Child Poverty agenda for the city and also A Bright Future 2021 - 26 in supporting children to stay safe and well, through the provision of adequate nutrition.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

Financial implications of these decisions are set out in the published appendices to these decisions.

Financial Risks

Financial risks of these decisions are set out in the published appendices to these decisions.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

Carbon Footprint and Environmental implications of these decisions are set out in the published appendices to these decisions.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

** When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.*

None associated with this report.

Appendices

**Add rows as required to box below*

Ref.	Title of Appendix	Exemption Paragraph Number (if applicable)						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A	L42 22/23 – Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) grant added to Capital Programme (03/05/23)							
B	SPHC04 22/23 - Household Support Fund Round 4 (28/04/23)							

Background papers:

*Add rows as required to box below

Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

Title of any background paper(s)	Exemption Paragraph Number (if applicable)						
	If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.						
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Sign off:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Giles Perritt (Assistant Chief Executive)											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 23/03/2023											