

14 August 2024

Freedom of Information Request, Oxford City Council – Reference: **FOI2024/00820**

Further to our acknowledgement, we can confirm that Oxford City Council can advise as follows in response to your Freedom of Information Request received on 17 July:

Request

Dear Oxford City Council,

How many properties does Oxford City Council own or manage that were made available exclusively to non-UK citizens. For all such properties, please state type of property, number of bedrooms and bathrooms. Please include properties going through the void process.

Response

Oxford City Council have zero properties that are managed or owned exclusively for non-UK citizens. Oxford City Council were given funding through the Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) for a number of properties for the resettlement of refugees. This funding has been to purchase additional properties on the open market to be converted and used as social housing to increase the supply available housing available (which would otherwise not have been available). Once any of these tenants move out of the properties, they will become general needs accommodation available to everyone. This means they will be for anyone eligible for an offer of social housing - this includes British Citizens and customers from overseas.

The Government funding restrictions are that the additional properties purchased, are only to be used for eligible for families fleeing conflict from Ukraine or Afghanistan in housing need and qualifying for housing in Oxford .

The link below provides more details:

Local Authority Housing Fund Prospectus and Guidance (publishing.service.gov.uk)

The properties purchased with the Government funding are detailed below:

- Oxford City Council has purchased 10 properties as part of Local Authority Housing Fund - for Ukrainian and Afghan nationals
- Property information below for the 10 properties:

| Type of property | Number of bedrooms | Number of bathrooms |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Flat | 2 | 1 |
| Maisonette | 2 | 1 |
| Flat | 2 | 1 |
| Maisonette | 3 | 1 |
| Maisonette | 3 | 1 |
| Flat | 2 | 1 |

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| Flat | 2 | 1 |
| Flat | 2 | 1 |
| Flat | 2 | 1 |
| House | 4 | 1 |

If you disagree with any part of the response to your request, you are entitled to ask the Council for an internal review of the decision(s) made. You may do this by writing to the Monitoring Officer, by either email monitoringofficer@oxford.gov.uk – or by post to Monitoring Officer, Oxford City Council, Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1BX. After the result of the internal review, if you remain dissatisfied, you may ask the Information Commissioner to intervene on your behalf. You may do this by writing to the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Officer

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