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The Committee received a report (CWOP/01/11) giving an overview of Extra Care Housing in Essex at the meeting held on 13th January 2011 (Minute 5). A decision was made at that meeting to invite officers from Harlow, Uttlesford, Epping Forest and Castle Point to a future meeting to talk about extra care housing in their districts. This paper provides a brief update on extra care housing from an ECC perspective.

New Developments

<i>Location</i>	<i>No.of Units</i>	<i>Provider</i>	<i>Comment</i>	<i>Tenure</i>
Basildon	61 plus 4 Reablement	Sanctuary	Completion January 2012	Social Rent and 15 units for sale
Chelmsford	60	Genesis	Completion 2013	Social Rent

There is the potential for further developments in Chelmsford and Epping, but these will be dependent on planning consent and capital funding. Proposals are also anticipated from Local Authorities wishing to upgrade existing sheltered to extra care housing.

There is also a planning application in progress for a development in Boreham of 184 care suites to meet the needs of older people with high care needs.

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The Department of Health has informed ECC that they were unsuccessful in seeking PFI credits. The Council may wish to consider whether in rationalising its property portfolio it may decide to release land for extra care housing development.

Capital Funding

There is currently £300,000 in the capital programme for specialist housing and ECC will be seeking expressions of interest from registered housing providers of schemes that could be enabled. This capital is not specifically designated for older peoples housing.

Private Market Developments

Dialogue continues with the private market on the development of extra care housing for owner occupiers that could provide a model of extra care housing with a 24/7 on-site support presence.

Development discussions are conducted in partnership with the District or Borough Housing and Planning Officers.

Extra care Housing Strategy

Extra Care Housing Strategy being drafted – this will be ready for consultation in July 2011.

Information on need – The January 2011 report included district level data. We are now seeking to improve this data in partnership with the LAs to identify whether it is possible to project need at a town level as well as by district.

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