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Extra Care Housing – Grant Award Programme

I am writing as you have previously expressed an interest in the development of Extra Care Housing in Cumbria.

Cumbria County Council is committed to improving the lives of the people of Cumbria. If we are to deliver on this commitment then the Council will need to do things differently. This will mean making the most of new opportunities, working with local communities and residents and making the most of new technology. The Council cannot achieve our aspirations for the people and places of Cumbria on our own so we are committed to working in partnership with other organisations and with communities to achieve the objectives we share.

The Council sees Extra Care Housing as playing a key role in enabling people to maintain their independence and remain in their communities for longer. The Council aims to transform the provision of services for older people across the county by increasing the availability of Extra Care Housing schemes. By facilitating the development of new schemes across a range of tenures, the aim is that by 2025 Extra Care Housing will be a viable option of choice for all older people across the county.

The Council's **Extra Care Housing Delivery Programme** aims to support partner organisations to develop additional Extra Care Housing services in Cumbria. One of the key strands of this programme is the **Extra Care Housing Grant Award Programme** which provides an opportunity for developers to come forward with proposals for new Extra Care Housing schemes. The Council can periodically open grant application windows which may target developments in a particular area of Key Service Centre. Further details can be found within our [Grant Prospectus](#).

The Council has identified **Barrow-in-Furness** as a key priority area for the development of Extra Care Housing. Interested developers are therefore invited to make the Council aware of any potential development opportunities or available sites within the area. We are not looking for fully worked up design proposals at this stage, just potential opportunities which deliver upwards of 40 units of Extra Care in one location. If one or more potentially workable sites come forward as part of this process, the Council may elect to open a grant funding window (although is under no obligation to do so).

Full details of the Council's Extra Care Development Programme can be found on the Extra Care Housing pages of the Council's website www.cumbria.gov.uk/healthsocialcare/ech. Potential development sites should be sent to ECH_SLDevelopment@cumbria.gov.uk by **6 March 2020** at the latest for consideration.

I look forward to working with organisations who share the Council's ambition in this area.

Yours sincerely



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