

Appendix A

Recommendation 1

Harlow Council should work closely with Essex County Council in the completion of any needs assessment work and commit to a strategy to meet the identified need.

Recommendation 2

Regularly attend the Supported Housing Partnership Board, working with the County to identify accommodation opportunities.

Recommendation 3

Engage in conversations with Essex County Council to better understand the need and explore opportunities as detailed above.

Ensure that the new Housing Strategy reflects any identified need and the new approach.

Recommendation 4

Introduce a question on the Housing Register application form to identify if applicants have a learning disability or autism.

Update information on joining the Housing Register to create an accessible format.

Ensure that an alternative number or email address is available for those who are unable to complete the online form.

Recommendation 5

To consider the use of move on accommodation from supported housing (quota system) within the existing Allocations Policy to support move on from learning disability provision.

Ensure that clients with learning disabilities who are in housing need are prioritised appropriately in line with the medical and social criteria.

Work with the County to develop individual housing plans for those in inappropriate accommodation.

Recommendation 6

Officers to meet with Essex County Council to explore the opportunities detailed within this report.

Scrutiny Committee to review progress against the recommendations in 12 months time.