

Housing Portfolio Holders Update to Cabinet
8th February 2006
Councillor Tom James

1. Temporary Accommodation Update

Tenders for the Kingsbury Square refurbishment were due in on Friday 3rd February 06, which is 1 week behind schedule. Tony Miles has confirmed that 3 contractors have visited the Hostel and sounded very positive so he is hoping for a good response.

2. Jointly funded secondment with WWHS

Choice Based Lettings Researcher post update

Tracey from WWHS has agreed with the secondment and will commence employment with the Housing Needs Team on 20th February 2006.

3. LPSA Launch Day

The launch of the LPSA on “eliminating the use of B&B and significantly reduce the numbers of young people in unsuitable accommodation.” Will take place on Tuesday 28th March 06 9.30 – 1.00 @ Devizes Town Hall. Invites will be attached to MIS and Housing News.

4. Rough Sleepers

The rough sleepers count for 2005/2006 has now been completed. The Housing Needs Manager is currently putting together all the responses but it seems that we have no confirmed rough sleepers within West Wiltshire. We are however awaiting for a final response from Action on Homelessness by the end of the week, therefore a more detailed response will be prepared for the next briefing.