



*Press Release*

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## **CBH's bosses will spend night under stars to highlight youth homelessness**

It will be thermos flasks and thermals at the ready this Friday (1 March) when Cheltenham Borough Homes' (CBH) management team join other YMCA supporters across England as part of a mass sleep-out to highlight the issue of youth homelessness.

The five man team, consisting of CBH's Chief Executive Paul Stephenson and directors Kathie Pearce, Steve Slater, Nicola Templeman and Chris Williams are preparing themselves for a sleepless night, all in the name of charity. The group will be raising money for the YMCA to help change the lives of vulnerable young people in the local community.

Also joining them will be CBH's Chair of the Board, Stuart Hutton and fellow board member Councillor Barbara Driver.

Paul Stephenson, Chief Executive at CBH said: "It's important we support other local organisations and this event is a great opportunity for us to raise awareness of the issues facing young homeless people and raise much needed funds to support the vital work of the YMCA."

He added: "We're preparing ourselves for a cold night but it's all in a good cause as the money we raise will go direct to Cheltenham's YMCA."

The Sleep Easy event has been organised by the YMCA and will be taking place on 1 March 2013 in the car park of the YMCA Sports and Community Activity Centre on Princess Elizabeth Way.

Between 7.30pm and 7.30am participants will also have the chance to join in team games, competitions and link up with others around the country through Facebook and Twitter.

For more information about YMCA Sleep Easy visit [www.ymca.org.uk](http://www.ymca.org.uk)

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## **Notes for editors**

CBH Directors taking part in the Sleep Easy event:

Kathie Pearce – Housing & Community Director

Steve Slater – Finance Director

Nicola Templeman – Corporate Services Director

Chris Williams – Property Director

### **Cheltenham Borough Homes:**

- CBH is one of the top rated ALMOs (arm's-length management organisations) in the country. ALMOs are not for profit companies that run social housing services for their local council.
- Currently CBH manage and maintain around 5,000 tenant and leasehold properties with high satisfaction and performance levels, when compared nationally with other housing providers.
- CBH put their customers at the heart of what they do; working with them to shape services and ensure the company focuses on local need.
- CBH deliver more than high quality core landlord services: they have an ongoing programme building new homes and regenerating communities; they support people to find work and employment; work to improve financial inclusion and develop stock to make it more energy efficient.

For further information visit: [www.cheltborohomes.org](http://www.cheltborohomes.org)

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