

Colchester Borough Homes Seeks Private Landlords for New Rented Sector Housing Initiative

Colchester Borough Homes (CBH) has launched a scheme to expand its portfolio of good quality temporary accommodation in the private rented sector for people at risk of homelessness.

Under the new 'Private Sector Leasing Scheme' (PSL), CBH will lease properties from private landlords for 3-5 years and will use those properties as temporary accommodation. The tenancies will be managed by CBH and will guarantee rent to landlords throughout the duration of the agreement.

Karen Loweman, Director of Housing at CBH said ***“Our PSL Scheme provides landlords with an opportunity to let their property directly to us without fees or charges. We take the strain and risk, and our customers at risk of homelessness benefit from a good quality homes to live in”.***

CBH already manages a Home Finder scheme which places tenants with private landlords offering deposit protection, free property checks and tenancy management support - among other benefits.

Cllr Tina Bourne, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Public Protection, said ***“The management of homelessness in Colchester is one of our priorities. We need to reduce our use of Bed & Breakfasts and offer quality living for those who we have a duty to place in temporary accommodation”.***

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