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1. Following on from the successful launch of the on-line application form we are now working with Locata and our consortium partners to implement the final phase which is to implement Locata's housing advice and homelessness module. This will then give the housing options team a fully computerised system for the first time
 2. Having received approval from the housing board to make use of underused council accommodation we have now completed the conversion of 3 out of 4 sheltered bedsits at Mead Court in Stansted into furnished temporary accommodation. The fourth property which required a little more work will be ready by the end of November at the latest. The 3 finished properties are already occupied as are the 4 properties previously converted at Molehill Green.
 3. We have now taken 28 full homeless applications since the 1 April, compared to 25 for the whole of last year. Not all of these have been accepted or had to be accommodated but all require investigation. The number of cases where homelessness has been prevented has also increased from 38 for Q2 in 10/11 to 53 for the same quarter this year.

Recommendations

1. To note the report