

**COUNCILLOR BILL TASKER**

For the past five years I have been associated with Y Dyfydol, a charity of Clwyd and Alyn Housing Association.

The aim is to house vulnerable young people and teach life skills to some, and to encourage others to realise their full potential through further education and apprenticeships.

I have been invited by the Head Teacher of Rhyl High School to become involved in the introduction and development of a charity for the homeless, it will be organised by the children and young people, overseen by staff. I very much look forward to working with them.

I have also been invited by to join a "sleep out" by Mrs. Carol Williams, Senior Coordinator for TAF (Team around the Family).

I very much hope that Members and Officers will be able to support me in this exciting challenge.

Local Government will face many real challenges over the coming months and years, homelessness will certainly be one of them. Together as colleagues and with those from the third sector we can respond positively, and I will endeavour to ensure that the people of Denbighshire have some understanding of this complex issue that will help towards them responding with true compassion and empathy.