



Housing Act 1964

1964 CHAPTER 56

PART I

ASSISTANCE FOR HOUSING SOCIETIES PROVIDING HOUSING ACCOMMODATION

1 The Housing Corporation

- (1) There shall be an authority, to be called the Housing Corporation (hereafter in this Part of this Act referred to as "the Corporation") whose general duty it shall be to promote and assist the development of housing societies, to facilitate the proper exercise and performance of the functions of such societies, and to publicise, in the case of societies providing houses for their own members no less than in the case of those providing houses for letting, the aims and principles of such societies; and, for the purpose of performing that general duty, the Corporation shall exercise and perform the functions assigned to them by this Part of this Act.
- (2) Directions of a general character as to the exercise and performance of the functions of the Corporation may be given by the Minister and the Secretary of State acting jointly; and whether or not any such directions have been given as aforesaid, directions of either a general or a particular character may be given—
 - (a) where the directions concern the exercise or performance of those functions in England and Wales only, by the Minister;
 - (b) where the directions concern the exercise or performance of those functions in Scotland only, by the Secretary of State;and the Corporation shall comply with any directions given under this subsection. Any directions given under this subsection may be varied or revoked by subsequent directions thereunder given by the same persons or person.
- (3) It is hereby declared that the Corporation are not to be regarded as the servant or agent of the Crown or as enjoying any status, immunity or privilege of the Crown, or as exempt from any tax, duty, rate, levy or other charge whatsoever, whether general or local, and that their property is not to be regarded as property of, or property held on behalf of, the Crown.

- (4) A transaction between a person and the Corporation shall not be invalid by reason of any non-compliance by the Corporation with any direction given to the Corporation under subsection (2) of this section unless that person had actual notice of the direction; and section 29 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1959 (protection of persons deriving title to land under transactions requiring consent) shall apply in relation to the Corporation as it applies in relation to an authority to whom Part II of that Act applies.
- (5) References to undertakers in section 15 of the Local Government Superannuation Act 1953 (which enables local authorities to admit to their superannuation schemes employees of statutory undertakers) shall extend to the Corporation.
- (6) The provisions of Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect with respect to the constitution and proceedings of the Corporation and other matters related to the Corporation and its members.
- (7) In this Part of this Act the expression " housing society " means a society—
- (a) which is registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1893 ; and
 - (b) which does not trade for profit; and
 - (c) which is established for the purpose of, or amongst whose objects or powers are included those of, constructing, improving or managing houses, being—
 - (i) houses to be kept available for letting, or
 - (ii) where the rules of the society restrict membership of the society to persons entitled or prospectively entitled (whether as tenants or otherwise) to occupy a house provided or managed by the society, houses for occupation by members of the society,whether or not the purposes or objects of the society include any of the supplementary purposes or objects mentioned in subsection (8) of this section, so however that the expression shall not include a society which, in addition to the purposes or objects mentioned in paragraph (c) above, has any purposes or objects not mentioned in the said subsection (8).
- (8) The supplementary purposes or objects referred to in the last foregoing subsection are those—
- (a) of providing land or buildings for purposes connected with the requirements of the persons occupying the houses provided or managed by the society,
 - (b) of encouraging the formation of other housing societies, and
 - (c) of giving advice on the formation and running of such societies.
- (9) In the application of this section to Scotland, in subsection (4) for the reference to the Town and Country Planning Act 1959 there shall be substituted a reference to the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1959.