



# Homelessness Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 7

### *Homelessness reviews and strategies<sup>[F1]</sup>: England]*

#### **3 Homelessness strategies**

- (1) For the purposes of this Act “homelessness strategy” means a strategy formulated by a local housing authority for—
  - (a) preventing homelessness in their district;
  - (b) securing that sufficient accommodation is and will be available for people in their district who are or may become homeless;
  - (c) securing the satisfactory provision of support for people in their district—
    - (i) who are or may become homeless; or
    - (ii) who have been homeless and need support to prevent them becoming homeless again.
- (2) A homelessness strategy may include specific objectives to be pursued, and specific action planned to be taken, in the course of the exercise of—
  - (a) the functions of the authority as a local housing authority; or
  - (b) the functions of the social services authority for the district.
- (3) A homelessness strategy may also include provision relating to specific action which the authority expects to be taken—
  - (a) by any public authority with functions (not being functions mentioned in subsection (2)) which are capable of contributing to the achievement of any of the objectives mentioned in subsection (1); or
  - (b) by any voluntary organisation or other person whose activities are capable of contributing to the achievement of any of those objectives.
- (4) The inclusion in a homelessness strategy of any provision relating to action mentioned in subsection (3) requires the approval of the body or person concerned.
- (5) In formulating a homelessness strategy the authority shall consider (among other things) the extent to which any of the objectives mentioned in subsection (1) can

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be achieved through action involving two or more of the bodies or other persons mentioned in subsections (2) and (3).

- (6) The authority shall keep their homelessness strategy under review and may modify it from time to time.
- (7) If the authority modify their homelessness strategy, they shall publish the modifications or the strategy as modified (as they consider most appropriate).
- [<sup>F1</sup>(7A) In formulating or modifying a homelessness strategy, a local housing authority <sup>F2</sup> ... shall have regard to—
- (a) its current allocation scheme under section 166A of the Housing Act 1996,
  - (b) its current tenancy strategy under section 150 of the Localism Act 2011, and
  - (c) in the case of an authority that is a London borough council, the current London housing strategy.]
- (8) Before adopting or modifying a homelessness strategy the authority shall consult such public or local authorities, voluntary organisations or other persons as they consider appropriate.
- (9) The authority shall—
- (a) make a copy of [<sup>F3</sup>everything published under section 1 or] this section available at its principal office for inspection at all reasonable hours, without charge, by members of the public; and
  - (b) provide (on payment if required by the authority of a reasonable charge) a copy of [<sup>F4</sup>anything] so published to any member of the public who asks for one.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 3(7A) inserted (15.1.2012 for specified purposes, 7.6.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\), ss. 153, 240\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2012/57, art. 4\(1\)\(o\)](#) (with arts. 6, 7, 9-11); [S.I. 2012/1463, art. 2\(g\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 3(7A) omitted (27.4.2015) by virtue of [Housing \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(anaw 7\), s. 145\(3\), Sch. 3 para. 18](#); [S.I. 2015/1272, art. 2, Sch. para. 53](#)
- F3** Words in s. 3(9)(a) substituted (18.11.2003) by [Local Government Act 2003 \(c. 26\), ss. 127\(1\), 128, Sch. 7 para. 81\(a\)](#)
- F4** Words in s. 3(9)(b) substituted (18.11.2003) by [Local Government Act 2003 \(c. 26\), ss. 127\(1\), 128, Sch. 7 para. 81\(b\)](#)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 2-4 modified (28.11.2008) by [Local Government \(Structural Changes\) \(Transitional Arrangements\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/2867\), regs. 1\(1\), 12\(4\)\(b\)](#) (with reg. 1(2))

#### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 3 wholly in force at 30.9.2002; s. 3 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 20(1); s. 3 in force for E. at 31.7.2002 by [S.I. 2002/1799, art. 2](#); s. 3 in force for W. at 30.9.2002 by [S.I. 2002/1736, art. 2\(1\), Sch. Pt. 1](#)

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