
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1988

PART II

HOUSING THE HOMELESS

^{F1}Executive to publish homelessness strategy and provide advice about homelessness

^{F1}Homelessness strategy

6B.—(1) For the purposes of this Order “homelessness strategy” means a strategy for—

- (a) preventing homelessness in Northern Ireland;
- (b) securing that sufficient accommodation is and will be available for people in Northern Ireland who are or may become homeless;
- (c) securing the satisfactory provision of advice and assistance for people in Northern Ireland—
 - (i) who are or may become homeless; or
 - (ii) who have been homeless and need advice and assistance 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 Executive;
- (b) ^{F2}... or
- (c) the functions of Health and Social Care trusts.

(3) A homelessness strategy may also include provision relating to specific action which the Executive expects to be taken—

- (a) by any statutory body with functions (not being functions mentioned in paragraph (2)) which are capable of contributing to the achievement of any of the objectives mentioned in paragraph (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 paragraph (3) requires the approval of the body or person concerned.

(5) In formulating a homelessness strategy the Executive shall consider (among other things) the extent to which any of the objectives mentioned in paragraph (1) can be achieved through action involving two or more of the bodies or other persons mentioned in paragraphs (2) and (3).

(6) The Executive shall keep its homelessness strategy under review and may modify it.

(7) If the Executive modifies its homelessness strategy, it shall publish the modifications or the strategy as modified (as it considers most appropriate).

(8) Before adopting or modifying a homelessness strategy the Executive shall consult such statutory bodies, voluntary organisations or other persons as it considers appropriate.

(9) The Executive shall—

- (a) make a copy of everything published under Article 6A or this Article available at its district offices for inspection at all reasonable hours, without charge, by members of the public; and
- (b) provide (on payment, if required by the Executive, of a reasonable charge) a copy of anything so published to any member of the public who asks for one.]

F1 Arts. 6A-6C and preceding cross-heading inserted (31.7.2010) by [Housing \(Amendment\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2010 \(c. 9\), ss. 1, 19\(1\); S.R. 2010/251, art. 2](#)

F2 Art. 6B(2)(b) omitted (1.4.2022) by virtue of [Health and Social Care Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2022 \(c. 3\), s. 8\(1\)\(b\), Sch. 1 para. 123; S.R. 2022/102, art. 2\(b\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1988, Section 6B.