
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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CHAPTER I

FUNCTIONS OF HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS

Guidance as to management of accommodation by registered housing associations

11.—(1) In accordance with the provisions of this Article, the Department may issue guidance with respect to the management of housing accommodation by registered housing associations and, in considering under this Part whether action needs to be taken to secure the proper management of an association's affairs or whether there has been mismanagement, the Department may have regard (among other matters) to the extent to which any such guidance is being or has been followed.

(2) Guidance issued under this Article may make different provision in relation to different cases and, in particular, in relation to different areas, different descriptions of housing accommodation and different descriptions of registered housing associations.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraphs (1) and (2), guidance issued under this Article may relate to—

- (a) the housing demands for which provision should be made and the means of meeting those demands;
- (b) the allocation of housing accommodation between individuals;
- (c) the terms of tenancies and the principles upon which the levels of rent should be determined;
- (d) standards of maintenance and repair and the means of achieving these standards; and
- (e) consultation and communication with tenants.

(4) Guidance issued under this Article may be revised or withdrawn but, before issuing or revising any guidance under this Article, the Department shall consult such bodies appearing to it to be representative of housing associations as it considers appropriate.

(5) The Department shall issue the guidance or, as the case may be, the revision concerned in such manner as the Department considers appropriate for bringing it to the notice of the housing associations concerned.