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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 2

SOCIAL RENTED SECTOR: HOUSING COMPLAINTS

Matters for which scheme must provide

- 2 (1) A scheme shall not be approved for the purposes of this Schedule unless it makes provision for—
 - (1) The establishment or appointment of an independent person to administer the scheme.
 - (2) The criteria for membership for—
 - (a) social landlords under a duty to be members of an approved scheme, and
 - (b) other persons.
 - (3) The manner of becoming or ceasing to be a member.
 - (4) The matters about which complaints may be made under the scheme.
 - (5) The grounds on which a matter may be excluded from investigation, including that the matter is the subject of court proceedings or was the subject of court proceedings where judgment on the merits was given.
 - (6) The descriptions of individual who may make a complaint under the scheme.
 - (7) The appointment of an independent individual to be the housing ombudsman under the scheme.
 - (8) The appointment of staff to administer the scheme and to assist the housing ombudsman and the terms upon which they are appointed.
 - (9) A duty of the housing ombudsman to investigate any complaint duly made and not withdrawn, and a power to investigate any complaint duly made but withdrawn, and where he investigates to make a determination.
 - (10) A power of the housing ombudsman to propose alternative methods of resolving a dispute.
 - (11) The powers of the housing ombudsman for the purposes of his investigations, and the procedure to be followed in the conduct of investigations.
 - (12) The powers of the housing ombudsman on making a determination.
 - (13) The making and publication of annual reports by the housing ombudsman on the discharge of his functions.
 - (14) The manner in which determinations are to be—
 - (a) communicated to the complainant and the person against whom the complaint was made, and

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- (b) published.
- (15) The manner in which the expenses of the scheme are to be defrayed by the members.
- (16) [FI In the case of a scheme relating to Wales, the] keeping and auditing of accounts and the submission of accounts to the Secretary of State.
- [F2(16A) In the case of a scheme relating to England, the keeping of accounts.]
 - (17) The making of annual reports on the administration of the scheme.
 - (18) The manner of amending the scheme.
 - (2) The Secretary of State may by order amend sub-paragraph (1) by adding to or deleting from it any item or by varying any item for the time being contained in it.
 - (3) An order under sub-paragraph (2) shall be made by statutory instrument which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Textual Amendments

- F1 Words in Sch. 2 para. 2(1) substituted (21.12.2017) by The Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Audit of Public Bodies) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/1313), art. 1, Sch. 1 para. 3(a)
- F2 Words in Sch. 2 para. 2(1) inserted (21.12.2017) by The Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Audit of Public Bodies) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/1313), art. 1, Sch. 1 para. 3(b)

Commencement Information

11 Sch. 2 para. 2 wholly in force at 1.8.1996 see s. 232(1)-(3) and S.I. 1996/2048, art. 2 (subject to the limitation in (2) of that art.)

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