



# Homelessness Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 7

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

#### **1 Duty of local housing authority <sup>[F1]</sup>in England] to formulate a homelessness strategy**

- (1) A local housing authority <sup>[F2]</sup>in England] (“the authority”) may from time to time—
  - (a) carry out a homelessness review for their district; and
  - (b) formulate and publish a homelessness strategy based on the results of that review.
- (2) The social services authority for the district of the authority (where that is a different local authority) shall give such assistance in connection with the exercise of the power under subsection (1) as the authority may reasonably require.
- (3) The authority shall exercise that power so as to ensure that the first homelessness strategy for their district is published within the period of twelve months beginning with the day on which this section comes into force.
- (4) The authority shall exercise that power so as to ensure that a new homelessness strategy for their district is published within the period of five years beginning with the day on which their last homelessness strategy was published.
- (5) A local housing authority <sup>[F3]</sup>in England] shall take their homelessness strategy into account in the exercise of their functions.
- (6) A social services authority shall take the homelessness strategy for the district of a local housing authority into account in the exercise of their functions in relation to that district.
- (7) Nothing in subsection (5) or (6) affects any duty or requirement arising apart from this section.

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Homelessness Act 2002, Section 1. (See end of Document for details)

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 1 heading inserted (27.4.2015) by [Housing \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(anaw 7\)](#), s. 145(3), **Sch. 3 para. 17(b)**; [S.I. 2015/1272](#), art. 2, Sch. para. 53
- F2** Words in s. 1(1) inserted (27.4.2015) by [Housing \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(anaw 7\)](#), s. 145(3), **Sch. 3 para. 17(a)**; [S.I. 2015/1272](#), art. 2, Sch. para. 53
- F3** Words in s. 1(5) inserted (27.4.2015) by [Housing \(Wales\) Act 2014 \(anaw 7\)](#), s. 145(3), **Sch. 3 para. 17(a)**; [S.I. 2015/1272](#), art. 2, Sch. para. 53

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 1 modified in part (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))
- C2** S. 1(3) excluded (28.11.2008) by [Local Government \(Structural Changes\) \(Transitional Arrangements\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/2867\)](#), regs. 1(1), **12(4)(a)** (with reg. 1(2))
- C3** S. 1(4) excluded (1.2.2005) by [The Local Authorities' Plans and Strategies \(Disapplication\) \(England\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/157\)](#), **art. 3(1)**

### Commencement Information

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

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