



Homelessness Act 2002

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Homelessness reviews and strategies

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- (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).
- (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 each document published under 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 a document so published to any member of the public who asks for one.