

## Mobile Homes (Wales) Act 2013

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## PART 5

## POWERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

## 56 Power to provide sites for mobile homes

- (1) A local authority may within its area provide sites where mobile homes may be brought, whether for holidays or other temporary purposes or for use as permanent residences, and may manage the sites or lease them to another person.
- (2) A local authority has power to do anything appearing to it desirable in connection with the provision of such sites and the things which it has power to do include (but are not limited to)—
  - (a) acquiring land which is in use as a mobile home site or which has been laid out as a mobile home site,
  - (b) providing for the use of those occupying mobile home sites any services for their health or convenience, and
  - (c) providing, in or in connection with sites for the accommodation of Gypsies and Travellers, working space and facilities for the carrying on of activities normally carried on by them.
- (3) In exercising its powers under this section a local authority must have regard to any standards specified by the Welsh Ministers under section 10.
- (4) Before exercising the power under subsection (1) to provide a site the local authority must consult the fire and rescue authority—
  - (a) as to measures to be taken for preventing and detecting the outbreak of fire on the site, and
  - (b) as to the provision and maintenance of means of fighting fire on it.
- (5) A local authority must make in respect of sites managed by it, and of any services or facilities provided or made available under this section, such reasonable charges as it may determine.

- (6) A local authority may make available the services and facilities provided under this section for persons whether or not they normally reside in its area.
- (7) A local authority may, where it appears to it that—
  - (a) a mobile home site or an additional mobile home site in needed in its area, or
  - (b) that land which is in use as a mobile home site should in the interests of the users of mobile homes be taken over by the local authority,

acquire land, or any interest in land, compulsorily.

- (8) The power conferred by subsection (7) is exercisable in any particular case only if the local authority is authorised by the Welsh Ministers to exercise it.
- (9) The Acquisition of Land Act 1981 has effect in relation to the acquisition of land, or an interest in land, under subsection (7).
- (10) A local authority does not have power under this section to provide mobile homes.