



Housing (Scotland) Act 2001

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PART 1

HOMELESSNESS AND ALLOCATION OF HOUSING

1 Homelessness strategies

- (1) Every local authority must, when required to do so by the Scottish Ministers—
 - (a) carry out an assessment of homelessness in its area, and
 - (b) prepare and submit to the Scottish Ministers a strategy for preventing and alleviating homelessness in its area (a “homelessness strategy”).
- (2) A requirement under subsection (1) may make provision as to—
 - (a) the particular matters to be assessed under subsection (1)(a),
 - (b) the time by which the strategy is to be submitted to the Scottish Ministers,
 - (c) the form of the strategy and the matters which it is to include,
 - (d) the period to which the strategy is to relate.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may issue guidance, either to local authorities generally or to a particular authority, as to the form and content of an assessment and of a homelessness strategy and as to consultation on a proposed strategy.
- (4) Without prejudice to subsections (2) and (3), a homelessness strategy must state how the local authority is to comply with its duty under section 106 so far as relating to the matters included in the strategy.
- (5) A local authority must provide a copy of its homelessness strategy to any person who requests it.
- (6) A local authority—
 - (a) may, from time to time, and
 - (b) must, if required to do so by the Scottish Ministers,review its homelessness strategy and prepare and submit to the Scottish Ministers a revised homelessness strategy.