

# Appendix 2

## Local housing authority homelessness strategy self-assessment

NO.	CRITERION	EVIDENCE	ACHIEVEMENT		
			Yes	Partially	No
1.0	Homelessness Strategy Duty – essential criterion				
1.1	A homelessness review for the local housing authority area has been completed within the past five years.				
1.2	A homelessness strategy for the local housing authority area has been formulated and published within the past five years.				
1.3	The homelessness strategy was based on the results of the homelessness review.				
1.4	Adult and child social services assisted with carrying out the homelessness review.				
1.5	Adult and child social services assisted with formulating and publishing the homelessness strategy				
1.6	The homelessness strategy is taken account of when administering homelessness functions.				
1.7	The homelessness strategy is taken account of when administering adult and child social services functions.				

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1.8	<p>The homelessness review and strategy encompasses all forms of homelessness and incorporates action for people who are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) sleeping rough,</li> <li>ii) unable to live with their usual household members,</li> <li>iii) facing possession of their home,</li> <li>iv) being asked to leave their accommodation,</li> <li>v) illegally evicted,</li> <li>vi) gypsies and travellers, vii) living in accommodation that is unreasonable to occupy, including those at risk of domestic abuse</li> <li>viii) threatened with homelessness</li> <li>ix) due to be homeless once their section 21 expires</li> </ul>				
2.0	Carrying out a Homelessness Review -- essential criterion				
2.1	The current and future likely levels of homelessness in the local housing authority area have been reviewed				
2.2	Activities carried out for preventing homelessness in the local housing authority area have been reviewed.				
2.3	Activities for ensuring that accommodation is, or will be available for people in the local housing authority area who are, or may become homeless have been reviewed.				
2.4.	Activities for providing support for people in the local housing authority area who are, or may become homeless, or have been homeless and need support to prevent them becoming homeless again have been reviewed.				

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2.5	The resources available to the local housing authority, adult and child social services, public authorities, voluntary organisations and others to carry out activities in 2.2 – 2.4 have been reviewed.				
2.6	The homelessness review is available for the public to view during opening hours of the local housing authority's main office.				
2.7	Copies of the homelessness review are available to the public.				
3.0	Formulating and Publishing a Homelessness Strategy – essential criterion				
3.1	The homelessness strategy has objectives and actions for preventing homelessness in the local housing authority area.				
3.2.	The homelessness strategy has objectives and actions for ensuring that accommodation is or will be available for people in the local housing authority area who are or may become homeless.				
3.3	The homelessness strategy has objectives and actions to providing support for people in the local housing authority area who are, or may become homeless, or have been homeless and need support to prevent them becoming homeless again.				
3.4	The homelessness strategy has objectives and actions for when administering homelessness functions				
3.5	The homelessness strategy has objectives and actions when administering adult and children social care functions.				
3.6	The homelessness strategy has actions to be taken by public authorities towards achieving the objectives and actions listed in 3.1. – 3.3.				

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3.7	The homelessness strategy has actions to be taken by voluntary organisations towards achieving the objectives and actions listed in 3.1. – 3.3.				
	The homelessness strategy has actions to be taken by others persons or bodies towards achieving the objectives and actions listed in 3.1. – 3.3.				
3.8	Approval has been sought from public authorities, voluntary organisations and others prior to including actions relating to them in the homelessness strategy.				
3.9	The homelessness strategy enables joint working between the local housing authority, public authorities, voluntary organisations and others towards achieving the objectives and actions listed in 3.1. – 3.3,				
3.10	The homelessness strategy is kept under review and modified whenever necessary.				
3.11	The local housing authority's housing allocation scheme was referenced when the homelessness strategy was formulated.				
3.12	The local housing authority's tenancy strategy was referenced when the homelessness strategy was formulated.				
3.13	London boroughs referenced the London Housing Strategy when formulating their homelessness strategy.				
3.14	Consultation took place with public authorities, voluntary organisations and others before adopting or modifying the homelessness strategy.				
3.15	The homelessness review is available for the public to view during opening hours of the local housing authority's main office.				
3.16	Copies of the homelessness review are available to the public.				

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4.0	Deliverability and accountability of homelessness strategies – best practice criterion				
4.1	The homelessness review and strategy suitably prioritised the issue of rough sleeping and incorporated relevant actions to be taken to tackle street homelessness.				
4.2	The homelessness review and strategy are available to view and downloaded from the local housing authority's website.				
4.3	There is overview and scrutiny from elected councillors to ensure accountability for the delivery of the homelessness strategy.				
4.4	The homelessness strategy action plan is updated annually, showing what has been accomplished during the past year, and what is expected to be achieved during the year ahead.				
4.5	There is a homelessness strategy steering group in place to facilitate co-operation from other agencies to deliver the homelessness strategy.				
5.0	Making homelessness strategies happen – best practice criterion				
5.1	The homelessness strategy promotes the duty to refer as an opportunity for all public authorities, voluntary organisations and others to co-operate to tackle homelessness.				
5.2	Private registered providers of social housing co-operated with the completion of the homelessness review, the formulation of the homelessness strategy, the pursuit of objectives and taking of action to tackle homelessness.				
5.3	The homelessness review and strategy suitably considers co-operation between local housing authorities and child social care services to assist homeless 16/17-year olds.				

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5.4	The homelessness strategy includes actions to prevent homelessness for people; i) leaving prison ii) leaving care iii) leaving hospital iv) leaving the armed forces v) escaping domestic abuse vi) who are vulnerable adults vii) who are more at risk of becoming homeless (e.g. young adults; persons of a black or other minority ethnic origin; women; persons who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or other spectrums of sexuality and gender).				
5.5	The homelessness strategy includes actions to prevent homelessness by helping people to remain in their existing home or secure alternative accommodation.				
5.6	The homelessness strategy includes actions to relieve homelessness by helping people to secure alternative accommodation.				
5.7	The homelessness strategy includes actions to ensure a suitable provision of temporary accommodation				
5.8	The homelessness strategy includes actions to access to private rented sector accommodation				
5.89	The homelessness strategy includes actions to prioritise the allocation of social rented housing to people who are homeless or owed a homelessness duty				
5.10	The homelessness strategy includes actions to commission housing support services to prevent reoccurrence of homelessness.				

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5.11	The homelessness strategy includes actions to ensure there is a provision of advice, information and assistance available from voluntary organisations.				
5.12	The homelessness strategy includes actions to monitor the levels of homelessness.				
5.13	The homelessness strategy includes actions to sufficiently resources the pursuit of local objectives and taking of action to tackle homelessness.				