

## The Strategic Housing Role of Local Authorities: Powers and Duties

Activities or functions	Key legislative powers	Relevant guidance
<b>Plan and commission housing support services which link homes and housing support services</b>		
<p>Ensuring adequate support services are provided</p> <p>Introducing measures to plan and commission adequate housing support services</p> <p>Funding voluntary agencies to provide advice/support/advocacy</p>	<p>Housing Act 1985, s11A (Provision of welfare services) and s12 (Provision of shops, recreation grounds etc)</p> <p><a href="http://www.uk-legislation.hmso.gov.uk/RevisedStatutes/Acts/ukpga/1985/cukpga_19850068_en_3#pt2-pb1-l1g12">http://www.uk-legislation.hmso.gov.uk/RevisedStatutes/Acts/ukpga/1985/cukpga_19850068_en_3#pt2-pb1-l1g12</a></p>	
<p>Addressing the housing and housing related needs of vulnerable people and minority groups (e.g. disabled persons, gypsies, travellers)</p>	<p>Chronically Sick &amp; Disabled Persons Act 1970, s3 (Duties of housing authorities)</p> <p><a href="http://www.opsi.gov.uk/RevisedStatutes/Acts/ukpga/1970/cukpga_19700044_en_1#pb1-l1g3">http://www.opsi.gov.uk/RevisedStatutes/Acts/ukpga/1970/cukpga_19700044_en_1#pb1-l1g3</a></p> <p>Housing Act 2004, s225 (Provision for needs of travellers, gypsies)</p> <p><a href="http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2004/ukpga_20040034_en_20#pt6-ch5-pb6-l1g225">http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2004/ukpga_20040034_en_20#pt6-ch5-pb6-l1g225</a></p>	<p>Planning Policy Statement 3: Housing (CLG, 2006)</p> <p><a href="http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/planningpolicystatement3">http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/planningpolicystatement3</a></p>
<p>Planning necessary support services in the Supporting People Strategy</p>		<p>Supporting People Strategy</p> <p><a href="http://www.spkweb.org.uk">http://www.spkweb.org.uk</a></p> <p>Lifetime Homes, Lifetime Neighbourhoods: A National Strategy for Housing in an Ageing Society (CLG 2008)</p> <p><a href="http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/lifetimehomesneighbourhoods">http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/lifetimehomesneighbourhoods</a></p>

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<p>Promoting equality of access to housing Promoting awareness of discrimination and respect for human rights</p>	<p>Race Relations Act 1976 as amended by the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000</p> <p><a href="http://www.uk-legislation.hmso.gov.uk/acts/acts2000/ukpga_20000034_en_1">http://www.uk-legislation.hmso.gov.uk/acts/acts2000/ukpga_20000034_en_1</a></p> <p>Equality Act 2006 <a href="http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2006/ukpga_20060003_en_1">http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2006/ukpga_20060003_en_1</a></p> <p>Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and Disability Discrimination Act 2005 <a href="http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts1995/ukpga_19950050_en_1">http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts1995/ukpga_19950050_en_1</a></p> <p>and</p> <p><a href="http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2005/ukpga_20050013_en_1">http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2005/ukpga_20050013_en_1</a></p> <p>Human Rights Act 1998</p> <p><a href="http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts1998/ukpga_19980042_en_1">http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts1998/ukpga_19980042_en_1</a></p> <p>European Convention on Human Rights</p> <p><a href="http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts1998/19980042.htm">http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts1998/19980042.htm</a></p> <p>Statutory Code of Practice on Racial Equality in Housing</p> <p><a href="http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/Documents/Race/Services/Code%20of%20practice%20on%20racial%20equality%20in%20housing%20England.pdf">http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/Documents/Race/Services/Code%20of%20practice%20on%20racial%20equality%20in%20housing%20England.pdf</a></p>	