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Effective Housing Strategies and Plans

Welcome to the official guidance on local housing strategies and business plans for council housing prepared by the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) on behalf of DTLR.

The strategic housing role is a government priority and an increasingly important activity both for local authorities that have transferred their stock and for those that continue to own and manage stock.

Authorities are now expected to think and act strategically to secure improved services and a better deal for all housing consumers. Housing strategies and business plans are an important part of this overall process.

This web-site contains the official DTLR guidance on housing strategies and business plans, as well as supporting guidance on individual topics. We have taken the step of making the 2002/03 guidance available on the world-wide-web because:

- it provides quick, excellent accessibility to a wide range of information - you can access a range of helpful information quickly through links to other web-sites and supporting documents
- the ability to link information sources on a web-site means that important conceptual links between different topics and aspects of strategies and business plans can be drawn out

- we can continually improve the guidance by refining it, refreshing practice examples and adding new information

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