

# **South Ayrshire Housing Need and Demand Assessment 2015**

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Appendix 13 Legislation, National and Local Strategies, Policies  
and Guidelines relevant to Homelessness and Housing

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<b>Legislation</b>	
The Homelessness etc (Scotland) Act 2001	Abolished priority need in 2012 by placing a duty on local authorities to provide settled accommodation to all households who are unintentionally homeless <sup>1</sup>
The Homeless Persons Interim Accommodation (Scotland) Regulations 2002 <sup>2</sup>	States that interim supported accommodation can be provided where a housing support assessment has concluded that the household requires support services which cannot be reasonably provided within permanent accommodation.  In addition to this, homeless households' housing support needs also have to be assessed to assist them to maintain their tenancies since 2013

<b>South Ayrshire Strategy, Policies and Plans</b>	
The Local Housing Strategy 2011 – 2016	Contains outcomes on homelessness including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HO 1 People in South Ayrshire can access affordable and suitable accommodation</li> <li>• HO2 Vulnerable people in South Ayrshire are targeted with effective homelessness prevention measures and support</li> <li>• HO3 Homeless households have access to temporary accommodation</li> <li>• HO4 Mainstream support services are available to homeless households</li> <li>• HO5 The provisions of the National Homelessness agenda are implemented in South Ayrshire</li> </ul>
The Interim Temporary Accommodation Plan 2014 – 2016	developed to address the increased pressure on the provision and affordability of emergency and temporary accommodation for homeless households.  The need for an interim plan emerged due to key pressures impacting on the temporary accommodation including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implications of the Welfare Reform Act 2012</li> <li>• Over-reliance on B&amp;B style accommodation</li> <li>• Increased demand for supported interim accommodation options</li> <li>• Increased quality standards for temporary accommodation</li> <li>• The statutory duty to provide permanent accommodation for all unintentional homeless households.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Homelessness Scotland etc (2003)

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