



Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development Act 1993

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PART II

PUBLIC SECTOR HOUSING

CHAPTER I

ENGLAND AND WALES

Housing welfare services

126 Provision of housing welfare services

Part II of the 1985 Act (provision of housing accommodation) shall have effect, and be deemed at all times on and after 1st April 1990 to have had effect, as if after section 11 there were inserted the following section—

“11A Provision of welfare services

- (1) A local housing authority may provide in connection with the provision of housing accommodation by them (whether or not under this Part) such welfare services, that is to say, services for promoting the welfare of the persons for whom the accommodation is so provided, as accord with the needs of those persons.
- (2) The authority may make reasonable charges for welfare services provided by virtue of this section.
- (3) In this section “welfare services” does not include the repair, maintenance, supervision or management of houses or other property.

- (4) The powers conferred by this section shall not be regarded as restricting those conferred by section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (powers to incur expenditure for purposes not authorised by any other enactment) and accordingly the reference to any other enactment in subsection (1)(a) of that section shall not include a reference to this section.”

127 Accounting for housing welfare services

Schedule 4 to the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (the keeping of the Housing Revenue Account) shall have effect, and be deemed always to have had effect, as if—

- (a) at the end of paragraph (b) of item 2 of Part I (credits to the account) there were inserted the words “or income in respect of services provided under section 11A of that Act (power to provide welfare services)”; and
- (b) after paragraph 3 of Part III (special cases) there were inserted the following paragraph—

“Provision of welfare services

- 3A (1) This paragraph applies where in any year a local housing authority provide welfare services (within the meaning of section 11A of the Housing Act 1985) for persons housed by them in houses or other property within their Housing Revenue Account.
- (2) The authority may carry to the credit of the account—
- (a) an amount equal to the whole or any part of the income of the authority for the year from charges in respect of the provision of those services;
- (b) any sum from some other revenue account of theirs which represents the whole or any part of that income.
- (3) The authority may carry to the debit of the account—
- (a) an amount equal to the whole or any part of the expenditure of the authority for the year in respect of the provision of those services;
- (b) any sum from some other revenue account of theirs which represents the whole or any part of that expenditure.”

128 Power to repeal provisions made by sections 126 and 127

- (1) The Secretary of State may at any time by order made by statutory instrument provide that, on such day or in relation to such periods as may be appointed by the order, the provisions made by sections 126 and 127—
- (a) shall cease to have effect; or
- (b) shall cease to apply for such purposes as may be specified in the order.
- (2) An order under this section—
- (a) may appoint different days or periods for different provisions or purposes or for different authorities or descriptions of authority, and

- (b) may contain such incidental, supplementary or transitional provisions as appear to the Secretary of State to be necessary or expedient.