

Policy

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The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the City of Kwinana's approach to addressing homelessness.

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Legal Authority:	Local Government Act Section 2.7 – The Role of Council [Insert other relevant legislation here]

Policy:

1. Definition of homelessness:

- 1.1. A person is considered to be experiencing homelessness if their current living arrangement: (1) is in a dwelling that is inadequate; or (2) has no tenure, or if their initial tenure is short and not extendable; or (3) does not allow them to have control of, and access to space for social relations.

2. Commitment to the provision of information and referral:

- 2.1. Council will ensure that persons experiencing homelessness are provided with information about support services, and referral as appropriate.

3. Commitment to working in partnership:

- 3.1. Council will endeavour to support and work in partnership with agencies that deliver services for vulnerable residents at risk of and experiencing homelessness.
- 3.2. Council will provide information about the aforementioned agencies through all appropriate channels.

4. Commitment to addressing the underlying causes of homelessness:

- 4.1. Council recognises that the underlying causes of homelessness are lack of affordable housing and crisis accommodation, education, employment and healthcare.
- 4.2. Council will lobby the State and Commonwealth governments to address the aforementioned underlying causes of homelessness.

4.3. Council will consider the aforementioned underlying causes of homelessness as part of its strategic and financial planning processes.