



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

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.