## lawforlife Trust for London **Homelessness Application Process** Tackling poverty and inequality Are you eligible? No duty owed If the council has reason to believe you may be: 1. Eligible, and 2. Homeless, and 3. In priority need they must provide you with accommodation straight away while Are you homeless they carry out a more thorough (See section 2) or assessment (See section 4). This threatened with homelessness is often called emergency (See section 2)? accommodation. Homeles Threatened with homelessness The council has a duty to The council has a duty to help you find "suitable If the council helps you prevent you from becoming accommodation" (Relief Duty homeless (Prevention Duty but you still become See section 6). This duty See section 5). This duty homeless lasts 56 days. lasts 56 days. After 56 days the Council needs to make a final decision about whether you are in priority need Can the council say you have done something or failed to do something that means you are 'intentionally homeless'? (See section 9) If you cannot show that you have a local connection the council may send you on to another council where you do The council owes you what is often After the council has decided have a local connection. called the 'main housing duty'. This you are 'intentionally homeless' (See section 4) means the council must actually it only has to accommodate you for a short time - usually house you - this can be a tenancy in social or private housing for 12 no more than 28 days. months or more