

# London Government Act 1963

## **1963 CHAPTER 33**

#### PART IX

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

### Miscellaneous

# 74 Borough architects

- (1) Without prejudice to section 106 of the Local Government Act 1933, the officers of each London borough council and the Common Council shall as soon as reasonably practicable, and in any event not later than 1st April 1968, include an architect for the borough or, as the case may be, the City.
- (2) The architect aforesaid shall be appointed from among fit persons by, and hold office during the pleasure of, the borough council or Common Council and shall perform such duties as that council may direct, and shall be paid such reasonable remuneration as that council may determine.

# 75 Compensation for injury to or death of officers

- (1) Any of the following councils, that is to say, the Greater London Council, the London borough councils and the Common Council, may pay compensation—
  - (a) to any of their officers who sustains an injury in the course of his employment; or
  - (b) to the widow or widower or child of any of their officers who, in the course of his employment, dies or sustains an injury resulting in death.
- (2) Any compensation payable under this section may be paid either—
  - (a) by way of a lump sum; or
  - (b) by way of periodical payments of such amounts and payable at such times and for such periods as the council in question may from time to time determine having regard to all the circumstances of the case.

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(3) The payment of compensation under this section shall not affect any right or claim to damages or compensation which an officer of any of the councils aforesaid or his widow or widower or child may have against any person other than that council or, except so far as may be agreed when the compensation is granted, against that council.

# 76 Adjustment to metropolitan police district

- (1) As from 1st April 1965, the metropolitan police district shall consist of the following areas, that is to say—
  - (a) Greater London, excluding the City of London, the Inner Temple and the Middle Temple;
  - (b) in the county of Essex, the urban districts of Chigwell and Waltham Holy Cross;
  - (c) in the county of Hertfordshire, the urban districts of Bushey, Cheshunt and Potters Bar, the rural district of Elstree, and the parishes of Northaw in the rural district of Hatfield and Aldenham in the rural district of Watford;
  - (d) in the county of Surrey, the borough of Epsom and Ewell, and the urban districts of Banstead, Esher, Staines and Sunbury-on-Thames,

and section 16 of, and Schedule 4 to, the Police Act 1946 shall cease to have effect.

(2) This section and the Metropolitan Police Acts 1829 to 1959 may be cited together as the Metropolitan Police Acts 1829 to 1963 and this section shall be construed as one with those Acts.

### 77 Application of Local Government Superannuation Acts

- (1) In the Local Government Superannuation Act 1937—
  - (a) in section 1 (which relates to the local authorities who are required to maintain superannuation funds under Part I of that Act), in subsection (1)(a), for the words "metropolitan borough "there shall as from 1st April 1965 be substituted the words "London borough and the Greater London Council";
  - (b) in section 40(1), in the definition of "local authority", after the word "district" there shall be inserted the words "the council of a London borough, the Greater London Council";
  - (c) in Part I of Schedule 1 (which relates to the local authorities whose whole-time officers are to be compulsorily superannuable), after the paragraph beginning "The council" there shall be inserted the following paragraphs—

"The council of a London borough.

The Greater London Council.".

- (2) For the purpose of the making before 1st April 1965 under section 2 of the said Act of 1937 of a combination scheme to come into force on or after that date, the Greater London Council or a London borough council shall be deemed to be an administering authority notwithstanding that they are not for the time being required to maintain a superannuation fund under Part I of that Act.
- (3) Notwithstanding anything in section 4 of the said Act of 1937 (which relates to the funds to which contributions are payable), if in the case of any contributory employee or class of contributory employees of the Greater London Council or a London borough council it appears to the Minister expedient so to do, the Minister may by order, which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of

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either House of Parliament, provide that for the purposes of that Act the appropriate superannuation fund in relation to that employee or class shall be such fund as may be specified in or determined under the order; and any such order may make such incidental, consequential, transitional or supplementary provision as may appear to the Minister to be necessary or proper for the purposes or in consequence of the order and for giving full effect thereto.

### 78 Coroners

- (1) Subject to the following provisions of this section, the enactments relating to coroners, and in particular the Coroners Act 1844 and the Coroners Acts 1887 to 1954, shall apply in relation to Greater London (exclusive of the City and the Temples) as if that area were a county and the Greater London Council were the council of that county, and references in those enactments to a county alderman or a county councillor shall be construed accordingly.
- (2) In their application to the said area of Greater London, the said enactments shall have effect subject to the following modifications:—
  - (a) the requirements as to residence contained in section 5 of the Coroners Act 1844 shall not apply;
  - (b) any sum required by section 27(2) of the Coroners Act 1887 to be paid out of the local rate and any salary or pension required by section 8 of the Coroners (Amendment) Act 1926 to be defrayed as expenses for special county purposes, shall in the first instance be defrayed by the Greater London Council and shall be charged on the London boroughs;
  - (c) any provision of the said enactments defining a county shall not apply.
- (3) The Greater London Council may provide and maintain proper accommodation for the holding of inquests.
- (4) It shall be the duty of the Greater London Council as respects the area of Greater London mentioned in subsection (1) of this section, and of the council of each county adjoining Greater London as respects their county review area, to take into consideration the division of that area into coroners' districts and, unless they consider it inexpedient to do so, to exercise before the end of 1964 the power conferred on them by section 12 of the Coroners (Amendment) Act 1926 of submitting a draft order providing for the division, or alteration of any division, of that area into coroners' districts; and the Greater London Council shall not later than 1st April 1965 appoint a sufficient number of coroners for the said area of Greater London and section 2 of the said Act of 1926 shall apply to any such appointment as if a vacancy had occurred in the office of coroner for that area.
- (5) This section, except so far as it relates to the appointment of coroners and to coroners' districts, shall not come into force until 1st April 1965; and until that date the fact that any powers relating to the appointment of coroners and coroners' districts are exercisable by the Greater London Council shall not prevent the exercise of the like powers by the authorities by whom they were exercisable immediately before the passing of this Act.

## 79 Registration of local land charges

Subject to any order under section 84 of this Act, as respects any local land charge within the meaning of section 15 of the Land Charges Act 1925 which affects land

situated in any London borough or in the City, the proper officer to act as local registrar under that section shall, as from 1st October 1964, be the clerk, or the person for the time being authorised to act as clerk, of the council of that London borough or, as the case may be, the town clerk, or the person for the time being authorised to act as town clerk, of the City.

# 80 Compulsory registration of title in and around Greater London

- (1) Notwithstanding anything in section 120 of the Land Registration Act 1925, the registration of title to land shall continue at all times on and after 1st April 1965 to be compulsory on sale—
  - (a) in any part of Greater London in which immediately before that date such registration was so compulsory; and
  - (b) in the areas comprised in the existing urban districts of Potters Bar, Staines and Sunbury-on-Thames.
- (2) Her Majesty may by Order in Council declare as respects any other part of Greater London specified in the Order that registration of title to land is to be compulsory on sale on and after such date as may be so specified; and nothing in section 122 of the said Act of 1925 shall apply to the making of an Order under this subsection.
- (3) Nothing in any Order under subsection (2) of this section shall render compulsory the registration of the title to an incorporeal hereditament or to mines and minerals apart from the surface, or to corporeal hereditaments parcel of a manor and included in the sale of a manor as such.
- (4) As soon as the registration of title to land has become compulsory on sale in the whole of Greater London as for the time being constituted at any time on or after 1st April 1965, any area which subsequently becomes part of Greater London shall be deemed to be included in an Order under subsection (2) of this section.
- (5) The registration of tide to land shall continue to be compulsory on sale in any area by virtue of subsection (1)(a), (2) or (4) of this section notwithstanding that the area in question ceases to be part of Greater London.
- (6) Section 123 of the said Act of 1925 (which relates to the effect of that Act in areas where registration is compulsory) shall have effect as if the provisions of subsection (1) of this section were contained in an Order in Council; and section 124 of that Act (which provides that Part XI of that Act shall bind the Crown) shall have effect as if this section were included in the said Part XI.

### 81 Charities in Greater London

(1) Where immediately before 1st April 1965 any property (not being property to which section 57 (2) of this Act applies) was held exclusively for charitable purposes by the London or Middlesex county council as sole trustee, that property shall on that date vest in the Greater London Council for the like purposes, so, however, that where that property was so held by the London county council for the purposes of a charity registered in the register established under section 4 of the Charities Act 1960 in any part of that register which is maintained by virtue of section 2 of that Act by the Minister of Education, the charity trustees on and after that date shall be the Inner London Education Authority.

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- (2) Where immediately before 1st April 1965 any property was held exclusively for charitable purposes as sole trustee by any existing council to whom section 3(1)(b) of this Act applies other than the London or Middlesex county council, that property shall on that date vest for the like purposes in the council of the appropriate London borough, that is to say, the London borough whose area includes the whole or the greater part of the area of the existing council in question.
- (3) Where immediately before 1st April 1965 any power with respect to any charity, not being a charity incorporated under the Companies Acts or by charter, was under the trusts of the charity or by virtue of section 37(5)(c) of the said Act of 1960 vested in, or in the holder of any office connected with, any such existing council as aforesaid, that power shall at that date vest in, or in the holder of the corresponding office connected with, the council of the appropriate London borough aforesaid.
- (4) Where under the trusts of any charity established for purposes which are by their nature or by the trusts of the charity directed wholly or mainly to the benefit of an area which falls wholly or mainly within Greater London, not being a charity incorporated as aforesaid, any power with respect to that charity was immediately before 1st April 1965 vested in, or in the holder of any office connected with, the London, Middlesex, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent or Surrey county council, then, if the conditions specified in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection are satisfied, that power shall on that day vest in, or in the holder of the corresponding office connected with, the authority specified in that paragraph, that is to say—
  - (a) if that area falls wholly or mainly within a single London borough and, where that borough is an inner London borough, the charity was immediately before that date registered in the register aforesaid in any part thereof which is maintained by the Charity Commissioners but not in any part thereof which is maintained as aforesaid by the Minister of Education, the council of (that borough;
  - (b) if the conditions specified in the foregoing paragraph are not satisfied but that area falls wholly or mainly within the Inner London Education Area, and subject to the next following subsection, the Inner London Education Authority.
- (5) Where under subsection (4)(b) of this section any power vests or is to vest in, or in the holder of any office connected with, the Inner London Education Authority, that Authority or, as the case may be, the holder of that office may, with the consent of the Charity Commissioners and of the council or office-holder nominated, nominate for the purposes of this subsection the council of any inner London borough or, as the case may be, the holder of the corresponding office connected with any such council, and thereupon, or, if the nomination is made before 1st April 1965, on that date, that power shall vest in that council or, as the case may be, in the holder of that corresponding office.
- (6) Where under the trusts of any charity, not being a charity incorporated as aforesaid, any power with respect to that charity was immediately before 1st April 1965 vested in, or in the holder of any office connected with, the London or Middlesex county council and neither paragraph (a) nor paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of this section applies, that power shall vest in, or in the holder of the corresponding office connected with, such of the following authorities, that is to say, the councils of the London boroughs, the Greater London Council and the Inner London Education Authority, as the charity trustees may not later than 1st April 1967 with the consent of that council or, as the case may be, of the holder of that corresponding office appoint or, in default of such

- appointment, as may be appointed by the Charity Commissioners or, in the case of an exempt charity, by the Minister.
- (7) References in the foregoing provisions of this section to a power with respect to a charity shall not include references to any power of any person by virtue of being a charity trustee thereof; but where under the trusts of any charity, not being a charity incorporated as aforesaid, the charity trustees immediately before 1st April 1965 included the holder of an office connected with any council to whom section 3(1)(b) of this Act applies, then, as from that date, those trustees shall instead include the holder of such office connected with such of the following authorities, that is to say, the councils of the London boroughs, the Greater London Council and the Inner London Education Authority, as the Charity Commissioners may appoint.
- (8) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall affect any power of Her Majesty, the court or any other person to alter the trusts of any charity.
- (9) As from 1st April 1965—
  - (a) sections 6, 10, 11 and 12 of the said Act of 1960 shall apply to the Greater London Council and to the Inner London Education Authority as if Greater London or, as the case may be, the Inner London Education Area were a county and that Council or, as the case may be, Authority were the council of that county and, for the purposes of subsection (4) of the said section 10, as if for the reference to any county district there were substituted a reference to any London borough;
  - (b) the said sections 10 and 11 shall apply to the City as if it were a London borough and the Common Council were the council of that borough;
  - (c) in Schedule 3 to that Act any reference to the county of London shall be construed as a reference to Greater London.
- (10) In this section, the expressions " charitable purposes ", " charity ", " charity trustees ", " exempt charity ", " court" and " trusts " have the same meanings respectively as in the said Act of 1960.