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Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

PART II

THE NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE

CHAPTER I

THE NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL

The Northern Ireland Housing Executive

3.—(1) The public authority and body corporate known as the Northern Ireland Housing Executive shall continue in being as such and section 19 of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall continue to apply to it.

(2) The Executive shall exercise such functions as are conferred on it by this Order.

(3) Schedule 1 shall have effect with respect to the members and proceedings of the Executive and the other matters there dealt with.

The Northern Ireland Housing Council

4.—(1) The Northern Ireland Housing Council shall continue in being as such and shall consider any matter affecting housing—

(a) which is referred to the Council by the Department or the Executive; or

(b) which appears to the Council to be a matter to which consideration ought to be given.

(2) Where it appears to the Council to be desirable to do so, the Council may make recommendations to the Department or the Executive with respect to any matter which it has considered, and the Department or the Executive shall consider any such recommendations.

(3) If it appears to the Council that the Executive—

(a) has unreasonably rejected any recommendation made to it by the Council; or

(b) has failed to consider any such recommendation within a reasonable time;

the Council may, after consulting the Executive, make representations to the Department as to the action which, in the opinion of the Council, ought to be taken as regards the matter dealt with in the recommendation.

(4) Where the Department receives representations under paragraph (3), it may, after consulting the Executive, give to it such directions as the Department considers fit with respect to the matters dealt with in the representations.

(5) The Executive shall—

(a) provide—

(i) such officers and servants and such accommodation, and

(ii) such facilities and financial or other assistance,

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as are required for the proper discharge of the Council's functions; and

- (b) make available to the Council such information in the possession of the Executive as the Council may reasonably require.

(6) If the Council and the Executive disagree as to the officers and servants or the accommodation, facilities or financial or other assistance to be provided, or information to be made available under paragraph (5), paragraphs (3) and (4) shall apply as if the matter were one on which the Executive had unreasonably rejected a recommendation of the Council.

(7) Schedule 2 shall have effect with respect to the members and proceedings of the Council and the other matters there dealt with.

Staff of the Executive

5.—(1) Paragraph (2) shall have effect with respect to the powers of the Executive under section 19 of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 to employ staff.

(2) The numbers, terms and conditions of employment, remuneration, appointment, removal from office, suspension or re-instatement and qualifications of such of the staff employed by the Executive as the Department may direct, shall be subject to the approval of the Department.

(3) The Executive shall be deemed to be a local authority for the purposes of the Superannuation (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 .

(4) The Executive may, with the consent of the Department, make such provision as it considers desirable for the payment of pensions and other superannuation benefits to or in respect of such of its employees as it may designate for the purposes of this paragraph, and paragraph (3) shall not apply to a person so designated.

(5) The functions of the Local Government Staff Commission for Northern Ireland shall continue to extend to officers of the Executive and for that purpose Part III of, and Schedule 3 to, the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 shall continue to have effect in accordance with the amendments set out in Schedule 3.

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- art.155 revoked by [1997 c. 32 s.46\(2\)Sch.9](#)
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