

Housing, Town Planning, &c. Act 1919

1919 CHAPTER 35

PART I

HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES

Financial Provisions

7 Power to recoup losses

- (1) If it appears to the Local Government Board that the carrying out by a local authority, or by a county council to whom the powers of a local authority have been transferred under this Act, of any scheme approved under section one of this Act, or the carrying out of a re-housing scheme in connection with a scheme made under Part I. or Part II. of the principal Act, including the acquisition, clearance, and development of land included in the last-mentioned scheme, and whether the re-housing will be effected on the area included in that scheme or elsewhere, or the carrying out of any scheme approved by the Board for the provision of houses for persons in the employment of or paid by a county council or a statutory committee thereof, has resulted or is likely to result in a loss, the Board shall, if the scheme is carried out within such period after the passing of this Act as may be specified by the Board with the consent of the Treasury, pay or undertake to pay to the local authority or county council out of moneys provided by Parliament such part of the loss as may be determined to be so payable under regulations made by the Board with the approval of the Treasury, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by those regulations.
- (2) Such regulations shall provide that the amount of any annual payment to be made under this section shall—
 - (a) in the case of a scheme carried out by a local authority, be determined on the basis of the estimated annual loss resulting from the carrying out of any scheme or schemes to which this section applies, subject to the deduction therefrom of a sum not exceeding the estimated annual produce of a rate of one penny in the pound levied in the area chargeable with the expenses of such scheme or schemes ; and

(b) in the case of a scheme for the provision of houses for persons in the employment of or paid by a county council, or a statutory committee thereof, be an amount equivalent to thirty per centum of the annual loan charges as calculated in accordance with the regulations on the total capital expenditure incurred by the county council for the purposes of the scheme :

Provided that the regulations shall include provisions-

- (i) for the reduction of the amount of the annual payment in the event of a failure on the part of the local authority or county council to secure due economy in the carrying out and administration of a scheme to charge sufficient rents or otherwise to comply with the conditions prescribed by the regulations;
- (ii) for the determination of the manner in which the produce of a rate of one penny in the pound shall be estimated ; and
- (iii) for any adjustment which may be necessary in consequence of any difference between the estimated annual produce and the actual produce of the said rate of one penny in the pound;
- (3) Every regulation so made shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament as soon as may be after it is made, and, if an address is presented by either House within twenty-one days on which that House has sat next after any such regulation is laid before it praying that the regulation may be annulled, His Majesty in Council may annul the regulation, hut without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done thereunder.
- (4) Where a loan is made by the Public Works Loan Commissioners for the purposes of a scheme towards the losses on which the Local Government Board are liable to contribute under this section the loan shall, notwithstanding anything in section three of the Housing, Town Planning, &c. Act, 1909, be made on such terms and conditions as the Treasury may prescribe.

This subsection shall be deemed to have had effect as from the first day of April, nineteen hundred and nineteen, as respects any proposals made by a local authority and approved by the Local Government Board before the passing of this Act as respects which the Board may have signified their intention to direct that they shall be treated as a scheme for the purposes of this section.

(5) The provisions of this section relating to the carrying out of a scheme for the provision of houses for persons in the employment of or paid by county councils shall apply to the Lancashire Asylums Board, the West Riding of Yorkshire Asylums Board or other body constituted for the purpose of the administration of the Lunacy Acts, on behalf of any combination of county councils and county borough councils.