

COUNTY OF CAITHNESS.

ORDER of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD FOR SCOTLAND in terms of Section 83 of the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, authorising a combination of certain Local Authorities for the carrying out of a scheme for the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of Venereal Diseases.

WHEREAS We, the Local Government Board for Scotland, by an Order dated the 26th day of October 1916, made certain Regulations in terms of Section 78 in Part IV. of the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, with a view to the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of Venereal Diseases which are endemic and infectious diseases;

And Whereas We are empowered by Section 83 of the aforesaid Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, by Order to authorise or require any two or more Local Authorities to act together for the purposes of Part IV. of the aforesaid Act and to prescribe the mode of such joint action and of defraying the costs thereof;

And Whereas the following Authorities are Local Authorities within the meaning of the aforesaid Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, videlicet:—

- (1) The County Council of the County of Caithness;
- (2) The Town Council of the Burgh of Wick;
- (3) The Town Council of the Burgh of Thurso;

And Whereas it is expedient that a combination of the aforesaid Local Authorities be effected for the purposes specified in Our Order of 26th October 1916, aforesaid;

Now Therefore We, the Local Government Board for Scotland, in pursuance of the powers vested in Us as aforesaid, do make the following Order:

Combination of Authorities.

Article 1. From and after the date of this Order, the said Local Authorities (hereinafter referred to as the "Combining Authorities") are authorised by Us to act together for the purpose of carrying out the Regulations contained in Our Order of 26th October 1916, aforesaid, or any further Regulations that we may make hereafter with reference to the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of Venereal Diseases.

Formation of Joint Committee.

Article 2 (1).—All things that may be necessary for the purposes of carrying out the aforesaid Regulations within the districts of the aforesaid Local Authorities shall be undertaken by a Joint Committee, to be called the Caithness Venereal Diseases Joint Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Joint Committee").

Number and Qualifications of Members.

(2) The Joint Committee shall consist of twelve members elected from the members of the Combining Authorities, or such other number as We may from time to time determine.

Representation of Authorities.

(3) Of the said twelve members, the County Council of the County of Caithness shall appoint five of their members as their representatives,

and the Town Council of the Burgh of Wick shall appoint four of their members as their representatives, and the Town Council of the Burgh of Thurso shall appoint three of their members as their representatives, all in the manner hereinafter provided: provided that, when it appears to Us necessary, We may readjust the representation of the said local authorities on the Joint Committee.

Tenure of Office of Members.

(4) The said members to be appointed by the said County Council shall be appointed at the first meeting of the said County Council following the triennial elections of county councillors and the said members to be appointed by the said Town Councils shall be appointed at the first meeting of the said Town Councils following the annual election of town councillors. Each of the said members to be appointed by the said County Council shall hold office for the period of three years from the date of his appointment, or for such shorter period as he shall remain a member of the said County Council, and each of the said members of the said Town Councils shall hold office for one year from the date of his appointment, or for such shorter period as he shall remain a member of the Town Council appointing him. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-appointment. The names and addresses of the said members shall, immediately after their respective appointments, be intimated to the Clerk of the Joint Committee by the Clerks of the said County Council and the said Town Councils.

Filling up Vacancies.

(5) In the event of any vacancy occurring in the Joint Committee from any cause, the County Council or the Town Council, as the case may be, in whose representation the vacancy has occurred, may fill up the same *ad interim*, and upon such interim appointment being made, the name and address of the member so appointed shall be intimated to the Clerk of the Joint Committee. Each of the members appointed *ad interim* shall hold office till the first ensuing triennial or annual appointment, as the case may be, of members of the Joint Committee by the Local Authority whose representative he is, or for such shorter period as he may remain a member of the Local Authority appointing him.

Appointment of first Representatives.

(6) The first appointment of members of the Joint Committee shall be made as early as practicable after the date of this Order, by the said County Council and the said Town Councils, in as nearly as may be the manner above provided in regard to triennial and annual appointments of said members; the names and addresses of the said members so first appointed shall be intimated to the County Clerk of Caithness who shall convene the first meeting of the Joint Committee, to be held at Thurso; each of the members so first appointed by the said County Council shall, if he remains a member of the County Council, hold office till the month of December in the year in which the next election of County Councillors, after the date of this Order, takes place, when representatives of the said County Council shall be appointed for the then ensuing three years; and each of the mem-