

NATIONAL PORTS COUNCIL

HARBOURS ACT, 1964

NOTICE is hereby given that, in pursuance of Section 4 of the above Act, the National Ports Council have submitted to the Minister of Transport a scheme under that section to vary the National Ports Council Provision of Funds Scheme 1965.

Copies of the variation scheme may be obtained free of charge by harbour authorities which are affected by it at the offices of the National Ports Council, 17 North Audley Street, London W.1.

A harbour authority who desire to make to the Minister of Transport objection to the variation scheme should do so in writing before the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the publication of this notice and any such objection should be addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Transport, St. Christopher House, Southwark Street, London S.E.1.

R. C. LIVESEY, Secretary,
National Ports Council,
17 North Audley Street, London W.1.

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Forth Harbour Reorganisation Scheme

NOTICE is hereby given that the National Ports Council have pursuant to section 18 of the Harbours Act 1964 submitted to the Minister of Transport a Harbour Reorganisation Scheme entitled "The Forth Harbour Reorganisation Scheme."

The said Scheme provides for the following:

1. The constitution of an authority (to be called the Forth Ports Authority) for the purposes of improving, maintaining and managing the harbours of Burntisland, Grangemouth, Granton, Kirkcaldy, Leith, Methil and that part of the River Forth at present maintained by the Forth Conservancy Board and all improvements or enlargements thereof and doing all things necessary therefor or incidental thereto in the exercise of the powers and duties transferred to the Authority by the Scheme and all powers and duties for the time being vested in them.

(In this Notice the expression "the transferred harbours" means the harbours of Burntisland, Grangemouth, Granton, Kirkcaldy, Leith and Methil and that part of the River Forth at present maintained by the Forth Conservancy Board, and the expression "transferring authority" means any one of the British Transport Docks Board, the Commissioners for the Harbour and Docks of Leith, Granton Harbour Limited, Kirkcaldy Corporation and the Forth Conservancy Board).

The Authority will consist of fourteen members appointed by the Minister as follows:

- (a) three after consultation with the National Ports Council;
- (b) three on a joint nomination of the Firth of Forth Shipowners' Association and the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom; at least one of whom shall be a person appearing to the Minister to have a special knowledge of, and experience in, stevedoring or master portering;
- (c) three on the joint nomination of the Forth Estuary Ports Committee and the British Shippers Council;
- (d) one on the nomination of Edinburgh Corporation;
- (e) one on the nomination of Grangemouth Corporation;
- (f) one on the joint nomination of Buckhaven and Methil Corporation, Burntisland Corporation and Kirkcaldy Corporation; and
- (g) two after consultation with such persons appearing to the Minister to be representative of organised labour in Scotland as the Minister considers appropriate.

Ancillary provisions enable the Minister to judge the suitability of a nominee and if necessary to refuse a nomination and request the nomination of another person, and further, if any nomination is not made to the Minister's satisfaction, she may make the appointment after consultation with the National Ports Council.

2. The appointment and terms of office of appointed members of the Authority with incidental provisions relating to the appointment of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman; the vacation of office by members of the Authority; disqualification for, and re-appointment to, membership of the Authority; appointment of Committees; proceedings of the Authority and Committees; appointment of officers and servants; remuneration and expenses; power

to promote and oppose legislation; and authentication of the Authority's seal.

3. The transfer to the Authority of the powers duties property rights and liabilities
 - (i) of the British Transport Docks Board in relation to the harbours of Burntisland, Grangemouth and Methil;
 - (ii) of the Commissioners for the Harbour and Docks of Leith in relation to the harbour of Leith;
 - (iii) of the Forth Conservancy Board in relation to that part of the River Forth which is maintained by it;
 - (iv) of Granton Harbour Limited in relation to the harbour of Granton; and
 - (v) of the Kirkcaldy Corporation in relation to the harbour of Kirkcaldy

and for the payment of consideration to the British Transport Docks Board and Granton Harbour Limited and for the adjustment of certain accounts and liabilities between the Authority and Kirkcaldy Corporation, and for the conferment of a power to borrow to enable the Authority to make such payments. The property transferred by the Scheme includes the land at Burntisland, Grangemouth and Methil which is vested in the British Transport Docks Board and used by them for the purposes of those harbours, the land at Leith which is vested in the Commissioners for the Harbour and Docks of Leith and used by them for the purposes of the harbour of Leith, the land at Grangemouth which is vested in the Forth Conservancy Board and used by them for the purposes of their functions in relation to the River Forth, the land at Granton which is vested in Granton Harbour Limited and used by them for the purposes of the harbour of Granton, and the land at Kirkcaldy which is vested in the Kirkcaldy Corporation and used by them for the purposes of the harbour of Kirkcaldy.

4. The continuance in force of the statutory provisions which at present empower the charging of dues at any of the transferred harbours and for the conferment on the Authority of power to make reasonable charges other than dues at the harbours of Burntisland, Grangemouth and Methil.
5. The transfer of the Authority of the full-time staff employed at the transferred harbours with provisions ensuring that transferred staff who enter the Authority's service shall do so on terms and conditions no less favourable than those on which they were previously employed.
6. The provision by the Authority of pension schemes for their staff with an obligation to provide pension rights for the transferred staff no less favourable than the pension rights of their previous employment, with provision for financial adjustments between the Authority and the British Transport Docks Board and Kirkcaldy Corporation.
7. The payment by the Authority of allowances for removal or increased travelling expenses to persons who the Authority, in the interests of more efficient organisation or administration, require to work at a place other than that at which they worked before the transfer.
8. Provision requiring the Authority to ensure the existence of machinery which will enable the conclusion of agreements concerning the conditions of employment of the Authority's staff and their safety, health and welfare.
9. The dissolution of the Commissioners for the Harbour and Docks of Leith and the Forth Conservancy Board.
10. Authorisation of the payment of dividends and interest by directors of Granton Harbour Limited and for the costs of winding up Granton Harbour Limited to be borne by the Authority.
11. Provision to prevent any transferring authority from entering into any contract or incurring any liability otherwise than in the ordinary course of carrying on their undertaking or from making any abnormal increase in staff remuneration without the consent of the Authority, or, before the first meeting of the Authority, the National Ports Council.
12. The repeal of certain local enactments relating to the transferred harbours.
13. Amendment of the Forth Pilotage Order 1947 to substitute for the members of the Forth Pilotage Authority now appointed by the British Transport Docks Board the Commissioners for the Harbour and Docks of Leith and the Forth Conservancy Board, four members to be appointed by the Forth Ports Authority.
14. Provision for any mortgage or other security charged on the undertaking, property or revenues of the Commissioners for the Harbour and Docks of Leith or the Forth Conservancy Board the liability in respect of which is by the Scheme transferred to the Authority to take effect as a security created or issued by the Authority