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THE following Scheme for the adjustment of the property, rights, liabilities, &c., of the parish of Swindon, in the county of Wilts, the Urban District Council of Old Swindon, the Urban District Council of Swindon New Town, and the Swindon Water Board, and for other purposes, as settled by a Committee of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, is published in pursuance of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882:—

WHEREAS by the Municipal Corporations Acts 1882 and 1885 it is enacted that where a petition for a Charter of Incorporation is referred to the Committee of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council and it is proposed by the Charter to extend the Municipal Corporations Acts to the Municipal Borough to be created by the Charter the said Committee of Council may settle a Scheme for the purposes in the said Acts named and containing such provisions as are in the said Acts particularized.

And whereas certain inhabitant householders of the parish of Swindon in the county of Wilts on the sixteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight presented a petition to Her Majesty the Queen praying for a grant of a Charter of Incorporation.

And whereas the said petition was referred to the Committee of Council and it was proposed by the Charter to create the parish of Swindon a Municipal Borough and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof and by the Charter to extend the Municipal Corporations Acts to the Municipal Borough to be so created. And Her Majesty by and with the advice of Her Council was pleased to approve the grant of a Charter in accordance with such petition.

And whereas the areas of the Urban Districts of Swindon New Town and Swindon Old Town together comprise the area of the parish of Swindon.

And whereas "The Swindon Water Act 1894" enabled the Local Boards for the Urban Districts of Old Swindon and Swindon New Town to acquire and vest the undertaking of the Swindon Water Works Company Limited in a Water Board to authorize the construction of additional water works for the supply of water and for other purposes as in the said Act is mentioned and contained. And by the same Act it was provided that a Water Board should be formed the same

to be composed as in the said Act provided. And it was further provided that the Board should be a Body Corporate by the name of the Swindon Water Board and should subject to the provisions of the said Act be entrusted with the maintenance and management of the Water Undertaking.

And whereas divers loans and monies were raised or are owing under the said Act.

And whereas by a Provisional Order granted by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts 1882 and 1888 and confirmed by "The Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act 1895" (hereinafter called "the Swindon Electric Lighting Order") powers were given to the Swindon New Town Urban District Council for the supply of electricity for public and private lighting and other purposes within the whole of the Urban District of Swindon New Town as constituted at the commencement of that Order.

And whereas by an Order of the Local Government Board of the seventh day of June one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven the then Local Board for the District of Swindon New Town was constituted a Registration Authority for the purposes of "The Canal Boats Act 1877."

And whereas the cemetery is provided under the provisions of "The Public Health Interments Act 1879" and the lands and buildings forming such cemetery are vested in the Swindon New Town Urban District Council and the same is managed and maintained by that Authority and the Old Swindon Urban District Council jointly and the capital outlay involved in the purchase of land of erection of buildings and laying out of the cemetery was borne by both the said Authorities.

And whereas certain loans in connection with the cemetery have been raised and are partly owing from the said District Councils respectively.

And whereas the site of the technical schools was acquired by the Swindon New Town Urban District Council and the school buildings were erected thereon by the said Swindon New Town Urban District Council and building grants towards the cost of such erection were received from the Wilts County Council and from the Science and Art Department and the schools are now managed by a committee appointed by the Swindon New Town Urban District Council and in addition to the annual Government Grant the maintenance is borne and contributed by the Swindon New Town Urban District Council and the Old Swindon Urban District Council jointly