

at an equal rate per pound (not exceeding one penny in the pound).

And whereas the said site and schools are vested in the Swindon New Town Urban District Council.

And whereas under and by virtue of "The Elementary Education Act 1870" and the Acts amending the same a school board was formed for the school district of the parish of Swindon.

And whereas it is intended that arrangements shall be made for the consolidation of the Police Force of the borough of Swindon when constituted by Charter with the Police Force of the county of Wilts.

And whereas the following Acts have been adopted by and are in force within the districts of the said Urban District Councils namely: "The Infectious Diseases Notification Act 1889" "The Infectious Disease Prevention Act 1890" and "The Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act 1890."

And whereas this Scheme was before being settled by the Committee of Council referred for consideration to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department to the Local Government Board and to the Committee of the Lords of the Privy Council on Education (hereinafter referred to as the Education Department).

And whereas the said Urban District Councils the Swindon Water Board and the said School Board are Local Authorities within the meaning of Part XI of "The Municipal Corporations Act 1882" as amended by "The School Boards Act 1885."

And whereas it is expedient that a Scheme should be made and settled containing the provisions hereinafter set forth.

Now therefore pursuant to the Municipal Corporations Acts 1882 and 1885 and every other power enabling them in that behalf the said Committee of Council have settled a Scheme containing the provisions herein and do hereby direct order and declare as follows:—

*Short Title.*

This Scheme may be cited for all purposes as the Borough of Swindon Scheme 1900.

*Commencement of Scheme.*

This Scheme when confirmed shall come into operation on the day of the first meeting of the Council of the Municipal Borough created by the said Charter and this Scheme shall be construed and apply as if it had been dated and confirmed by Parliament or Order in Council on the day before the day of the said first meeting and everything thereunder shall be done and had accordingly. This date is hereinafter referred to as "the commencement of this Scheme." So far as may be necessary this Scheme shall operate retrospectively.

*Sanitary Authority.*

The Municipal Borough created by the said Charter shall from and after the commencement of this Scheme and thenceforth be placed within the jurisdiction of the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Swindon acting by the Council of the borough as the Sanitary Authority of the said borough.

*Urban District Councils and Swindon Water Board abolished.*

The Urban District Council of Swindon New Town and the Urban District Council of Old Swindon and the Swindon Water Board and their respective powers duties rights obligations and privileges shall continue and be deemed to have

continued to exist until the commencement of this Scheme unaffected in any manner whatsoever by the grant of the said Charter or the creation of the said borough and the said Urban District Councils and Water Board shall from the date of the grant of the Charter until such commencement be deemed to have continued and continue to enjoy be subject to and exercise the said powers duties rights obligations liabilities and privileges as if no such Charter had been granted and all their respective acts from the date of the grant of the said Charter until the commencement of this Scheme shall be and shall be deemed to have been as valid and effectual as if no such Charter had been granted. From and after the commencement of this Scheme the Urban District Councils and Water Board shall be abolished and cease to exist and the existing division into Wards of their respective Districts shall also be abolished and cease to exist.

*Transfer of Jurisdiction Property &c. of Urban District Councils and Water Board.*

All the jurisdiction rights powers authorities duties and property vested in or possessed by the Urban District Councils and the Swindon Water Board or in any of them in any capacity under any Act of Parliament or Order of a Government Department or otherwise or by any person or body in trust for them or either of them or any or either of their members as such or applicable for the benefit or under the direction of the said Urban District Councils or Water Board or any of their members as such (and not otherwise expressly transferred by or dealt with under this Scheme) shall be exercisable by and attached to and vested in the Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Swindon (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation") for the municipal and other public purposes of the said borough.

All liabilities whatsoever (including liability in respect of all loans raised by either District Council or the Swindon Water Board and liability in respect of all loans and annuities in connection with the Cemetery Water Works or otherwise) which immediately before the commencement of this Scheme attached to and were enforceable against the Urban District Councils and Swindon Water Board or any of them in any capacity or against any property or funds of the said Councils and Water Board shall attach to and be enforceable against the Corporation. Any investigation legal proceeding or remedy in respect of any debt liability penalty or forfeiture due to or incurred by or on behalf of the Urban District Councils and Water Board in any capacity before the commencement of this Scheme may be continued prosecuted or enforced by or against the Corporation.

The term "property" in this Scheme means and includes all property real and personal and all things in action and all rights of common and commonable rights and rights to toll and all franchises privileges and rights which have any pecuniary value and all charters records deeds books and documents and all rights and all claims to relief and all rights to avoid contracts or otherwise and includes any estate or interest legal or equitable in or in respect of any property so defined.

The District Fund and the General District Rate of the borough of Swindon shall for all purposes whatsoever (subject to the provisions of "The Municipal Corporations Act 1882" with respect to the Borough Fund and Borough Rate and the Watch Rate respectively) take the place of and be substituted for the District Funds and General District