

regard to the acquisition, retention, sale and disposal of lands.

4. To empower the Council to lay down mains, pipes and apparatus for and in connection with the supply of gas and for ancillary purposes, and for those purposes to break up, open and interfere with streets, roads, highways (whether dedicated to the public use or not), footways, railways, canals, bridges, passages, sewers, drains and electric, telegraphic, telephonic and other mains, pipes wires, tubes and apparatus, within the limits of supply of the Council.

5. To prescribe the charges which may be demanded and recovered by the Council for and in respect of a supply of gas by means of a prepayment meter with or without fittings.

6. To provide that all fittings, tubes, meters, stoves, ranges, gas engines and other fittings, and apparatus let for hire by the Council shall be exempt from liability to distress and from being taken in execution or in bankruptcy proceedings, to provide that the same shall remain the property of and be removable by the Council although fixed on the consumer's premises, and to empower the Council to enter premises and remove fittings belonging to them.

7. To make further provision in regard to the supply of gas, and in particular to provide for the following, amongst other matters:—to prescribe a minimum charge for gas supplied to premises having a supply of electricity or power gas or gas from sources other than the Council, to make provision as to mode of cutting off supplies by the Council and expenses of re-connecting any discontinued supply; to provide for the removal of fittings in cases where the gas is discontinued; to empower the Council to charge different prices, according to the purposes for which gas is used; to make provision with regard to the allowance of discounts by the Council; to require notice of discontinuance of a supply to be in writing; to provide for the use of anti-fluctuators; to require notice to be given by gas consumers before quitting premises supplied with gas; to empower the Council to specify the size and material of pipes and fittings laid between mains and meters and on the premises of consumers; and to make further provision with regard to the construction and placing of such pipes; to exempt the Council from obligation to supply or continue to supply gas for such purposes and under such circumstances as may be specified or indicated in the order where the capacity of the main is not sufficient to enable such supply to be afforded; to make provision for requiring valves and appliances where high pressure air is used in connection with any supply of gas; to prescribe the period of error in defective meters; and to empower the Council to refuse to supply persons in debt to them.

8. To empower the Council to supply gas in bulk outside their limits of supply, and to take a supply of gas in bulk from bodies or persons authorized to supply gas beyond those limits.

9. To empower the Council to borrow money for the purposes of the Order, and generally for the purposes of their gas undertaking, including, amongst other purposes, the construction of further gas works, the purchase of further lands and the provision of working

capital; to charge all moneys so borrowed on the District Fund and the General District Rate and the gas undertaking or other undertakings, assets, rates, revenues, rents and other property of the Council or any of such securities, and to empower the Council to execute, grant and issue mortgages and other securities; to authorize the Council to apply any of their funds or other moneys authorized to be raised to any of the purposes of the Order, and to provide that moneys borrowed under the powers of the Order shall not be deemed within the limit of borrowing under the Public Health Act, 1875.

10. To make provision for the formation, maintenance and application of sinking funds, and to confer further powers on the Council with regard to the borrowing, re-borrowing and repayment of money and other financial matters, and to exempt them from the execution of any trust or from obligation to see to the application of any money forming part of any trust whether expressed, implied or constructive.

11. To make further provision with regard to the application of the revenue derived from the gas undertaking of the Council, and, amongst other things, to empower them to form a Reserve Fund for meeting extraordinary expenditure in connection with that undertaking; to alter and amend the provisions of the Hinckley Local Board Gas Act, 1880, with respect to the application of revenue and to empower the Council to carry forward on revenue account to the next succeeding year such sum as may be specified in the Order or to make further and other provision with regard to the application of any balance on revenue account in any year whether by carrying the same to the district fund or applying it in reduction of the price of gas.

12. To authorize the Council to pay superannuation allowances and pensions to their officers and servants, and to make payments for those and other similar purposes out of revenue.

13. To make further provision with regard to the recovery by the Council of rates, rents and charges for the supply of gas and residual products, and for the supply, hire or use of meters, stoves, ranges, engines, pipes and other fittings and apparatus supplied, and for work done by the Council, the authentication and service of notices, the recovery of penalties, the recovery of demands, the inclusion of several sums in one and the same summons; and generally to confer all such further and other powers as may be deemed necessary or expedient for effecting the purposes aforesaid or any of them.

14. To vary or extinguish all rights or privileges which would impede or interfere with the objects of the Order, and to confer other rights and privileges.

15. To repeal, alter or amend, to re-enact or incorporate in the Order with or without amendment, some or all of the provisions of the Hinckley Local Board Gas Act, 1880, and any other Act or Order relating to the Council or their gas undertaking.

16. To incorporate with or without amendment or to render inapplicable all or some of the provisions of the following public Acts, namely:—The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847; the Gasworks Clauses Act, 1871; the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870; the Gas and