

- (f) the burial of any casual;
 (g) the maintenance, care and education of any casual, being a child in respect of whom the council have exercised the powers vested in them under section 52 of the Poor Law Act, 1930;
 (h) the removal of any casual to his place of settlement;
 (i) the provision and supply of mid-day meals for casuals;

Provided that before making any repayment of expenditure falling within either of the classes enumerated in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of this paragraph, the Joint Committee shall obtain the consent of a majority of the councils.

(4) Subject to the statutory provisions and orders and regulations for the time being in operation, the Joint Committee may make rules in regard to the administration of casual wards within the combined areas, and in particular to the following matters, namely—

- (i) times and methods of admission;
 (ii) searching;
 (iii) bathing, night clothing and bedding;
 (iv) smoking;
 (v) treatment of sick, aged and infirm casuals;
 (vi) treatment of female and child casuals;
 (vii) dietary;
 (viii) discharge and detention; and
 (ix) tasks;

and any rules so made shall be binding on the councils:

Provided that before making any such rules the Joint Committee shall notify the councils of their proposals relating thereto and shall give a reasonable opportunity to every council to make representation to the Joint Committee regarding the proposals.

(5) The Joint Committee shall also have power, with the approval of the Minister, to contribute by way of an annual subscription towards the support and maintenance of any institution which appears to the Joint Committee to be calculated to render useful aid in the administration of the relief of casuals:

Provided that whenever any annual contribution proposed to be made under this article exceeds the sum of £100 to any individual institution notice of the intention of the Joint Committee to make application to the Minister for his approval shall be given to the councils and if a majority of the councils object to the proposal no application shall be made to the Minister.

(6) Nothing in this Order shall affect the powers and duties conferred or imposed on any of the councils in their capacity as a poor law authority, or shall deprive or relieve any of the councils of their powers, duties and obligations with reference to the relief of casuals, except so far as any such powers, duties or obligations are being exercised, undertaken or discharged by the Joint Committee in the execution of this Order.

Expenses of Members.

10.—(1) The Joint Committee may defray expenditure, including travelling expenses, necessarily incurred by members of the Joint Committee or any sub-committee thereof for the purpose of attending meetings of the Joint Committee or any sub-committee thereof.

(2) The Joint Committee may confer with other Joint Committees for all or any of the purposes of this Order, and may pay their reasonable share of the expenses of such conferences and may also defray any expenses necessarily incurred by their representatives in travelling to and from such conferences.

Contracts.

11. All contracts and agreements relating to the purposes of this Order shall be made by the Joint Committee, and shall be signed and sealed on their behalf by the presiding chairman and by one other member of the Joint Committee, and countersigned by the clerk to the Joint Committee.

Expenses of Joint Committee.

12.—(1) A fund shall be established to be called the Joint Fund, to which all moneys received by the Joint Committee shall be carried, and out of which all expenses incurred by the Joint Committee in the execution of this Order shall be defrayed.

(2) The sums to be paid on account of the maintenance of casuals in casual wards shall be calculated so far as possible in accordance with a uniform scale.

Apportionment of Expenses.

13.—(1) For the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by the Joint Committee for the purposes of this order, each of the councils shall contribute to the Joint Fund in the proportion which the aggregate rateable value of all the hereditaments in their area as shown in the valuation lists on the 1st day of April or the 1st day of October, as the case may be, immediately preceding the date of the order made on the council by the Joint Committee for contributions in respect of those expenses bears to the aggregate rateable value of all the hereditaments in the combined area as then shown in the valuation lists.

(2) The Joint Committee shall furnish to the councils not later than the 14th day of January in each year an estimate of their income and expenditure in respect of the ensuing year and if during any financial year the Joint Committee find it expedient to increase the amounts in the estimates then sanctioned by a majority of the councils, they shall furnish a supplementary estimate to the councils.

Contribution Orders.

14.—(1) The Joint Committee shall, as soon as may be after the 31st day of March and the 30th day of September in each year, make orders on each of the councils for the payment to the Joint Committee of such sums as may be required for the contributions of the council to the expenses of the Joint Committee.

(2) Every order for contributions shall direct that the contribution shall be paid in one sum or by instalments, as the Joint Committee may see fit, on the dates mentioned in the order.

(3) Any sum mentioned in any order for contributions shall be a debt due from the council to whom the order is addressed, and may be recovered accordingly: Provided that the Joint Committee shall not institute proceedings for the recovery of the debt until after the expiration of a period of three months from the date of the order.