

(3) A member of the Joint Committee may resign his membership by sending to the clerk of the Joint Committee notice in writing of his desire to do so, whereupon a casual vacancy shall be deemed to have arisen, and the clerk of the Joint Committee shall forthwith notify the clerk of the council by whom the member was appointed of the vacancy.

(4) Any casual vacancy in the membership of the Joint Committee arising more than three months before the ordinary date for the election of a new committee shall be filled by the election by the council of the area in respect of which the vacancy arises of a new member, and the person so elected shall hold office during the remainder of the term of office of the person in whose place he is elected.

Meetings and Proceedings.

7. The meetings and proceedings of the Joint Committee shall be conducted in accordance with the rules set forth in the Schedule to this Order.

Appointment of Executive Sub-Committee.

8.—(1) The Joint Committee may constitute an executive sub-committee and include among the members thereof persons who are not members of the Joint Committee:

Provided that:—

(i) of the persons who are not members of the Joint Committee at least one shall be a woman;

(ii) of the whole number of members of the executive sub-committee two-thirds at least shall be members of the Joint Committee.

(2) Any matter relating to the exercise by the Joint Committee of their functions under this Order, except the duty of making contribution orders on the councils or the power of borrowing money, may—

(a) be delegated to the executive sub-committee with or without any restrictions or conditions as the Joint Committee think fit, or

(b) be referred to the executive sub-committee, and if so referred, the Joint Committee before exercising any such functions shall, unless in their opinion the matter is urgent, receive and consider the report of the executive sub-committee with respect to the matter in question.

Powers and Duties of Joint Committee.

9.—(1) It shall be the duty of the Joint Committee from time to time to take into consideration and furnish the Minister with their recommendations in regard to the following matters:—

(a) the number and situation of the casual wards which should be provided by any council;

(b) the number of casu-als for whom accommodation should be provided at any existing casual ward and at any casual ward proposed to be established in the combined areas;

(c) the closing of any casual ward in the combined areas.

(2) It shall also be the duty of the Joint Committee to take such steps, whether by

public notice or otherwise, as shall be necessary with a view to the repression of begging and sleeping-out in the combined areas.

(3) The Joint Committee shall have power to repay to any council the whole or any part of any expenditure incurred by the council in—

(a) the provision of accommodation for casu-als in accordance with any requirement of the Minister (including any necessary acquisition of sites);

(b) the maintenance of casual wards;

(c) the reception and relief of casu-als;

(d) the transfer to an appropriate institution of any casual;

(e) the maintenance and care in such an institution of any casual so transferred;

(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 casu-als:

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 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 casu-als;

(vi) treatment of female and child casu-als;

(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 casu-als.

(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 casu-als, 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.