

## COUNTY OF ARGYLL.

ORDER of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD FOR SCOTLAND in terms of Section 83 of the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, authorising a combination of certain Local Authorities for the carrying out of a scheme for the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of Venereal Diseases.

WHEREAS We, the Local Government Board for Scotland, by an Order dated the 26th day of October 1916, made certain Regulations in terms of Section 78 in Part IV. of the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, with a view to the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of Venereal Diseases which are endemic and infectious diseases;

And whereas We are empowered by Section 83 of the aforesaid Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, by Order to authorise or require any two or more Local Authorities to act together for the purposes of Part IV. of the aforesaid Act and to prescribe the mode of such joint action and of defraying the costs thereof;

And whereas the following Authorities are Local Authorities within the meaning of the aforesaid Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897, videlicet:

(1) The Ardnamurchan District Committee in the County of Argyll;

(2) The Cowal District Committee in the said County;

(3) The Islay District Committee in the said County;

(4) The Kintyre District Committee in the said County;

(5) The Lorn District Committee in the said County;

(6) The Mid-Argyll District Committee in the said County;

(7) The Mull District Committee in the said County;

(8) The Town Council of the Burgh of Inveraray;

(9) The Town Council of the Burgh of Lochgilphead;

(10) The Town Council of the Burgh of Tobermory;

And whereas it is expedient that a combination of the aforesaid Local Authorities be effected for the purposes specified in Our Order of 26th October 1916, aforesaid:

*Combination of Authorities.*

Now therefore We, the Local Government Board for Scotland, in pursuance of the powers vested in Us as aforesaid, do make the following Order:—

Article 1.—From and after the date of this Order, the said Local Authorities (hereinafter referred to as the "Combining Authorities") are authorised by Us to act together for the purpose of carrying out the Regulations contained in Our Order of 26th October 1916 aforesaid, or any further Regulations that we may make hereafter with reference to the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of Venereal Diseases.

*Formation of Joint Committee.*

Article 2 (1).—All things that may be necessary for the purposes of carrying out the aforesaid Regulations within the districts of the aforesaid Local Authorities shall be undertaken by a Joint

Committee, to be called the Argyllshire Joint Venereal Diseases Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Joint Committee").

*Number and Qualifications of Members.*

(2).—The Joint Committee shall consist of seventeen members elected from the members of the Combining Authorities, or such other number as We may from time to time determine.

*Representation of Authorities.*

(3).—Of the said seventeen members, each of the said district committees shall appoint two of their members as their representatives, and the town councils of the burghs of Inveraray, Lochgilphead, and Tobermory shall each appoint one of their members as their representative, all in the manner hereinafter provided: Provided that, when it appears to Us necessary, We may readjust the representation of the said local authorities on the joint committee.

*Tenure of Office of Members.*

(4).—The said members to be appointed by the said district committees shall be appointed triennially at meetings of these committees in the month of December in the years in which the elections of county councillors take place, or in the month of January following; the said members to be appointed by the said town councils shall be appointed annually at meetings of the said town councils in the month of November. Each of the said members to be appointed by the said district committees shall hold office for the period of three years from the date of his appointment, or for such shorter period as he shall remain a member of the committee appointing him; and each of the said members of the said town councils shall hold office for one year from the date of his appointment, or for such shorter period as he shall remain a member of the town council appointing him. Retiring members shall be eligible for reappointment. The names and addresses of the said members shall, immediately after their respective appointments, be intimated to the clerk of the joint committee by the clerks of the district committees and town councils making the respective appointments.

*Filling up Vacancies.*

(5).—In the event of any vacancy occurring in the joint committee from any cause, the district committee or the town council, as the case may be, in whose representation the vacancy has occurred, may fill up the same *ad interim*, and upon such interim appointment being made, the name and address of the member so appointed shall be intimated to the clerk of the joint committee. Each of the members appointed *ad interim* shall hold office till the first ensuing triennial or annual appointment, as the case may be, of members of the joint committee by the district committee or town council whose representative he is, or for such shorter period as he may remain a member of the district committee or town council appointing him.

*Appointment of First Representatives.*

(6).—The first appointment of members of the joint committee shall be made as early as practicable after the date of this Order, by the said district committees and town councils, in as