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THE following Scheme for the adjustment of the property, rights, liabilities, &c., of the Local Authorities of the Improvement Act District of West Hartlepool (now the Borough of West Hartlepool), and for other purposes, as settled by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, is published in pursuance of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882.

"Whereas by the Municipal Corporations Acts 1882 and 1885 it is enacted that where a petition for a Charter of Incorporation is referred to the Committee of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and it is proposed by the Charter to extend the Municipal Corporations Acts to the Municipal Borough to be created by the Charter, the said Committee of Council may settle a Scheme for the purposes in the said Acts named and containing such provisions as are in the said Acts particularized:

"And whereas certain inhabitant householders of the Improvement District of West Hartlepool, in the county of Durham, have petitioned Her Majesty the Queen praying for the grant of a Charter of Incorporation:

"And whereas the said Petition for a Charter was referred to the Committee of Council, and whereas it was proposed by the Charter to extend the Municipal Corporations Acts to the Municipal Borough to be created by the said Charter, and Her Majesty by and with the advice of Her Council was pleased to approve of the grant of a Charter so doing:

"And whereas under and by virtue of the West Hartlepool Extension and Improvement Act 1870 and the Acts since passed confirming certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the said district the West Hartlepool Improvement Commissioners (hereinafter called 'the Commissioners') were constituted and became invested with various powers and duties and the same were immediately before the commencement of this Scheme the Urban Sanitary Authority for the said Improvement Act District of West Hartlepool:

"And whereas under and by virtue of the Elementary Education Act 1870 and the various Acts amending the same a School Board for the parish of Stranton was formed for the said parish of Stranton by the name of the School Board for the parish of Stranton and thereafter by the Hartlepool Borough Extension Act 1883 the said borough of Hartlepool was extended so as to include a part of

the parish of Stranton and whereas it was by the said Act enacted that for the purposes of the Elementary Education Act 1870 and the Acts amending the same the extended borough should from and after the commencement of that Act be a School District and the School Board for the then existing borough should from and after the commencement of that Act be the School Board for the district of the extended borough and also that from and after the said commencement all powers and jurisdiction of the Stranton School Board should cease as respects so much of its district as was by that Act added to the then existing borough (such part of the parish of Stranton as thereafter became and continued to be the district of the School Board for the parish of Stranton and the School Board for the parish of Stranton being hereinafter called 'the Parish School Board District' and 'the Parish School Board' respectively):

"And whereas the Parish School Board District includes part of the parish of Stranton which is not included within the said Improvement Act District of West Hartlepool:

"And whereas the said Improvement Act District includes the part of the township of Seaton Carew which is not included within the Parish School Board District:

"And whereas it is desirable that the Parish School Board should continue to be the School Board for the said borough of West Hartlepool in the manner hereinafter mentioned:

"And whereas the Commissioners and the said Parish School Board are local authorities within the meaning of the Municipal Corporations Acts 1882 and 1885:

"And whereas this Scheme was before being settled by the Committee of Council referred to the consideration of the Committee of the Lords of the Privy Council on Education (hereinafter referred to as the 'Education Department').

"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 order and declare as follows:

1. "This scheme may be cited for all purposes as the Borough of West Hartlepool Scheme 1888.
2. "This Scheme shall be deemed to have come into operation on the day of the first meeting