

Committee Order, 1934, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1934, and unless sooner revoked shall remain in force until the 31st day of March, 1949:

Provided that for the purposes of the proceedings preliminary to the operation of this Order, including proceedings relating to the election of the first members of the Joint Committee, this Order shall operate as from such date earlier than the 1st day of April, 1934, as may be necessary.

INTERPRETATION.

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act, 1889, applies to the interpretation of this order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the combined areas” means the counties and county boroughs which are combined by this Order;

“the Joint Committee” means the Middlesex and Northern Home Counties Joint Vagrancy Committee constituted by this Order;

“council” means the council of a county or county borough included in the combined areas, and “councils” means the councils of all the counties and county boroughs so included;

“casual” means any destitute wayfarer or wanderer applying for or receiving poor relief and includes any person admitted into any establishment by a council, or otherwise under the care of a council by way of poor relief, who was, immediately before the date when he was so admitted or came under such care, a destitute wayfarer or wanderer applying for, or receiving, poor relief;

“casual ward” means any ward, building, or premises, including the equipment and furniture thereof, set apart or provided for the reception, relief, or employment of casuals;

“special institution” means any ward, building, or premises, including the equipment and furniture thereof, provided by a council with the approval of the Joint Committee solely for the special treatment or training of such casuals as the Joint Committee may deem likely to benefit by such treatment or training;

“the Minister” means the Minister of Health.

COMBINATION OF COUNTIES AND COUNTY BOROUGH AND CONSTITUTION OF JOINT COMMITTEE.

3.—(1) The counties of Essex, Hertfordshire and Middlesex and the county boroughs of East Ham, West Ham and Southend-on-Sea shall be combined for the purpose of the better administration of the relief of casuals within the combined areas.

(2) For the execution of the purpose aforesaid a joint committee of the councils shall be constituted as a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall be known as “The Middlesex and Northern Home Counties Joint Vagrancy Committee.”

COMPOSITION OF JOINT COMMITTEE.

4.—(1) The Joint Committee shall consist of ten members, each of whom shall be a member of the council of the county or county borough

and of the public assistance committee of the council by whom he is elected.

(2) Three members shall be elected by the Middlesex County Council; two members by each of the councils of the counties of Essex and Hertfordshire and one member by each of the councils of the county boroughs of East Ham, West Ham and Southend-on-Sea.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

5.—(1) At the first meeting of each council held after the 15th day of March in the year 1934 and at the first meeting of each council held after the last day of February, 1935, and in every subsequent third year, so long as this order shall continue in force, each of the councils shall elect the number of members of the Joint Committee assigned to them by this order.

(2) Every member of the Joint Committee shall come into office upon his election.

(3) The clerk of each council by whom a member is elected shall forthwith after the election notify the name, address and description of the member—

(a) in the case of the first election to the clerk of the Middlesex County Council; and

(b) in the case of each subsequent election, to the clerk of the Joint Committee.

(4) A council may nominate from amongst members of the council who are members of the public assistance committee of the council a person to act on behalf of a member of the Joint Committee appointed by the council, at any meeting of the Joint Committee at which that member is unable to be present.

(5) The first meeting of the Joint Committee shall be held at such time and place as shall be fixed by the chairman of the Middlesex County Council.

PERIOD OF OFFICE.

6.—(1) Except as in this Article otherwise provided, a member of the Joint Committee shall hold office until the date on which his successor is elected.

(2) A member of the Joint Committee who ceases to be a member of the council or a member of the public assistance committee of the council by whom he was elected shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Joint Committee: Provided that a member of the Joint Committee shall not be deemed to have ceased to be a member of the council by whom he was elected or of the public assistance committee if on or before the day on which he goes out of office he has been re-elected a member of the council and of the public assistance committee.

(3) A member of the Joint Committee may resign his membership by sending to the clerk to 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 to the Joint Committee shall forthwith notify the clerk of the council by whom the member was appointed of the vacancy.

(4) A casual vacancy in the membership of the Joint Committee shall be filled as soon as practicable by the election by the council in whose representation 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:

Provided that in the case of a casual vacancy arising not more than two months before the