

elected to fill a casual vacancy, in which event he shall come into office upon his election.

(3) The clerk of each council shall forthwith after any election notify in writing to the clerk of the Joint Committee the name, address and description of each of the persons elected.

(4) A council may nominate from their own body a person to act on behalf of a member of the Joint Committee elected by the council at any meeting of the Joint Committee at which that member shall be unable to be present.

Period of Office.

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

(2) A member of the Joint Committee who ceases to be a member 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 if on or before the day on which he goes out of office he has been re-elected a member of the council.

(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 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.

8.—(1) The meetings and proceedings of the Joint Committee shall be conducted in accordance with the rules set forth in the Schedule to this Order.

(2) The Joint Committee shall prepare and submit to the councils at the end of each year a report of its proceedings during the preceding year, and shall include in such report a record of the attendances of each member at meetings of the Committee and its Sub-Committees.

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 and special institutions which should be provided by any council;

(b) the number of casuals for whom accommodation should be provided at any existing casual ward and at any casual ward or special institution proposed to be established in the combined areas;

(c) the closing of any casual ward or special institution 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 neces-

sary with a view to the repression of begging and sleeping-out in the combined areas.

(3) 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 and special institutions 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) treatment and training of casuals in special institutions;
- (viii) dietary;
- (ix) discharge and detention; and
- (x) tasks;

and any rules so made shall, except so far as may be approved by the Joint Committee, be binding on each of the councils:

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

(4) 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 no subscription in excess of £100 shall be made to any association or institution in respect of any one year, unless the Joint Committee have given notice to each of the councils of their intention to make application to the Minister for his approval, and if a majority of the councils object to the proposal the application shall not be made.

(5) 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.

(6) The Chairman or such other member or members as may be appointed by the Joint Committee for the purpose may at such times as the Joint Committee may decide or approve visit and inspect any of the casual wards under the control and management of any of the councils:

Provided that the Joint Committee or member or members so appointed shall not intervene in any matter which is not within the powers conferred upon them by this Order, but nothing shall prevent the Joint Committee from making representations to or conferring with any of the councils upon any matter relating to a casual ward under the control of such council.

Expenses of Members.

10.—(1) The Joint Committee may defray the reasonable expenses incurred in attending