SCHEDULE

AREA OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES WHICH ARE COMBINED TO FORM THE BELFAST FIRE DISTRICT

Belfast County Borough ;
Holywood Urban District ;
Belfast Rural District ;
Castlereagh Rural District.

ORDER, DATED 23RD MAY, 1947, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION ONE OF THE FIRE SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947.

1947. No. 82

The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, by virtue of and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section one of the Fire Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order :—

Citation and Interpretation.

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Fire Services (Northern Fire District and Fire Authority) Order (Northern Ireland), 1947.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

(3) In this Order except where the contrary intention appears—

" the Act " means the Fire Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1947 ;

" the Ministry " means the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland ;

the expression " local authority " has the same meaning as in the Act ;

the expression " local authority election year " has the same meaning as is assigned to the expression " election year " (in relation to local government elections) in sub-section (4) of section thirteen of the Elections and Franchise Act (Northern Ireland), 1946.

Formation of Fire District.

2. The areas of the local authorities named in Part I of the Schedule to this Order shall be combined to form a fire district to be called the Northern Fire District.

Designation of Fire Authority.

3. The fire authority for the Northern Fire District shall be a joint committee (to be called the Northern Fire Authority) of the local authorities named in Part II of the Schedule to this Order.

4. The functions of the joint committee designated as the Northern Fire Authority (in this Order referred to as " the joint committee ") shall be to perform for the Northern Fire District the duties imposed upon, and to exercise in relation to that Fire District the powers conferred upon, a fire authority by or under the Act and shall include the provision of offices and the appointment of officers as provided in this Order. Functions of Joint Committee.

5.—(1) The members of the joint committee shall be duly elected members of the respective local authorities by which they are appointed to serve on the joint committee. Qualifications of Members.

(2) The provisions of Article 12 of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, in so far as they relate to members of a district council, and the provisions of paragraph (6) of Article 36 of the said Schedule shall, with the necessary modifications, apply to members of the joint committee.

6. The number of members to be appointed by each of the local authorities constituting the joint committee shall be as is shown against its name in Part II of the Schedule to this Order. Appointment of Members.

7. The mode of appointment of members of the joint committee by any of the local authorities constituting that committee shall be by resolution of a duly constituted meeting of the authority.

8.—(1) The first appointment of members of the joint committee shall take place at a meeting of each local authority concerned to be held on or before such date as shall be fixed by the Ministry.

(2) The clerk of each such local authority shall notify to the Ministry in writing, within seven days after the first appointment, the name and address of each person appointed to be a member of the joint committee.

(3) The persons appointed in pursuance of this Article shall come into office on such date as shall be fixed by the Ministry.

9. After the first appointment members of the joint committee shall be appointed at the annual meeting of each local authority concerned held in each local authority election year.

10.—(1) Each member of the joint committee shall go out of office and his successor come into office in each local authority election year on the first day of July, or on the first day of the month next following the month in which the annual meeting of the local authority by which he was appointed a member of the joint committee is held, whichever is the later. Term of Office of Members.

(2) Each member of the joint committee shall continue in office until the expiration of the period for which he was appointed a member of the joint committee or until he dies, resigns, vacates his seat for

absences, becomes disqualified, or ceases to be a member of the local authority by which he was appointed, whichever first happens :

Provided that a member who is not re-elected a member of the local authority by which he was appointed a member of the joint committee shall not, for that reason alone, cease to hold office before the expiration of the period for which he was appointed.

Casual Vacancies.

11. A casual vacancy occurring amongst the members of the joint committee shall be filled, at a duly constituted meeting to be held within six weeks of such vacancy occurring, by the local authority in whose representation the vacancy exists.

Meetings.

12.—(1) The first meeting of the joint committee shall be convened by the Ministry and shall be held at such time and at such place as may be fixed by the Ministry.

(2) Other meetings of the joint committee shall be held at such times and at such places within or without the fire district, as the joint committee may decide :

Provided that at least one meeting shall be held in every calendar month.

(3) The clerk of the joint committee shall summon a meeting of the joint committee when required by the Ministry so to do.

Standing Orders.

13. The joint committee shall without delay draw up standing orders for the conduct of its business, which standing orders shall be submitted to the Ministry for approval.

Offices.

14. The offices of the joint committee shall be at Ballymena in the County of Antrim.

Officers.

15. The joint committee shall appoint its officers at a duly constituted meeting thereof.

16.—(1) No person shall be qualified to be appointed to the office of clerk of the joint committee unless at the date of his appointment he is qualified to be appointed to the office of clerk of a rural district council.

(2) Any other officer of the joint committee shall be a natural born British subject of good health and character who has during the whole of the period of five years ending on the date of appointment been resident in the United Kingdom.

Audit of Accounts.

17. The accounts of the joint committee which it is required to keep under the provisions of sub-section (5) of section twenty-two of the Act shall be audited by such Local Government auditor as the Ministry of Health and Local Government may direct, and the provisions of Articles 25 to 39 of the Public Bodies Order, 1904, shall, subject to such adaptations as may be required, apply to the audit.

18. This Order shall come into force on the first day of June, 1947. Commencement.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of May, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-seven, in the presence of

(L.S.) *J. B. O'Neill,*
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE

PART I

THE AREAS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES WHICH ARE COMBINED TO FORM THE NORTHERN FIRE DISTRICT

Ballymena, Coleraine and Larne Boroughs; Ballycastle, Ballyclare, Ballymoney, Carrickfergus, Portrush, Portstewart and Whitehead Urban Districts; and Antrim, Ballycastle, Ballymena, Ballymoney, Coleraine, Larne and Magherafelt Rural Districts.

PART II

CONSTITUTION OF JOINT COMMITTEE TO BE CALLED THE NORTHERN FIRE AUTHORITY

Local Authorities	*Number of Members of Joint Committee to be appointed by each*
Ballymena Borough Council	Two
Coleraine Borough Council	Two
Larne Borough Council	Two
Portrush Urban District Council	Two

ORDER, DATED 23RD MAY, 1947, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION ONE OF THE FIRE SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947.

1947. No. 83

The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, by virtue of and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section one of the Fire Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Fire Services (Southern Fire District and Fire Authority) Order (Northern Ireland), 1947. Citation and Interpretation.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

(3) In this Order except where the contrary intention appears—

" the Act " means the Fire Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1947;