STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1977 No. 1296

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Location of Offices Bureau (Amendment) Order 1977

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - - - 29*th July* 1977

Coming into Operation 8*th August* 1977

At the Court at Windsor Castle, the 29th day of July 1977

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas in pursuance of section 8(2) of the Minister of Town and Country Planning Act 1943(**a**) an Address has been presented to Her Majesty by both Houses of Parliament praying that an Order be made in the following terms:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by the said section 8 and by section 10 of the said Act, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Location of Offices Bureau (Amendment) Order 1977, and the Location of Offices Bureau Order 1963(**b**) and this Order may be cited together as the Location of Offices Bureau Orders 1963 and 1977.

(2) This Order shall come into operation ten days after the date hereof.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Location of Offices Bureau Order 1963 shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) For article 3 there shall be substituted the following article: —

" **3.**—(1) It shall be the general duty of the Bureau to promote the better distribution of office employment in England and Wales and to take such steps as may be necessary for this purpose including, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the provision of information and publicity and the promotion of research.

(2) In discharging its functions the Bureau shall comply with such directions of a general character as may be given by the Secretary of State.";

(**a**) 1943 c. 5. (**b**) S.I. 1963/792 (1963 I, p. 1176). (**c**) 1889 c. 63.

(*b*) In the Schedule to the Order, for paragraph 1 there shall be substituted the following paragraph: —

" 1.—(1) The members of the Bureau, of whom there shall be not more than five, shall be appointed by the Secretary of State, and he shall appoint one of them to be chairman and may appoint one to be deputy chairman.

(2) Subject to the following provisions of this Schedule, a member of the Bureau and the chairman and deputy chairman (if any) shall hold office for a period of three years and otherwise in accordance with the terms of his appointment.".

N. E. Leigh,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order amends the Location of Offices Bureau Order 1963, which established, under section 8 of the Minister of Town and Country Planning Act 1943, the Location of Offices Bureau to assist the former Minister of Housing and Local Government (now the Secretary of State) in the exercise of functions in relation to the use and development of land in England and Wales. The Order of 1963 provided that the Bureau should give such assistance by encouraging the decentralisation and diversion of office employment from congested areas in central London to suitable centres elsewhere: by the provisions of this Order, that duty has been replaced by a duty to promote the better distribution of office employment in England and Wales.

This Order also increases the maximum number of members of the Bureau from four to five and increases the period for which members hold office from two years to three years.

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