STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1964 No. 529

LONDON GOVERNMENT

The London Authorities (Meetings, etc.) Order 1964

Made - - - -	*7th April* 1964
Laid before Parliament	*8th April* 1964
Coming into Operation	*9th April* 1964

The Minister of Housing and Local Government, in exercise of his powers under section 84 of the London Government Act 1963(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:—

Title, commencement and interpretation

1. This order may be cited as the London Authorities (Meetings, etc.) Order 1964, and shall come into operation on 9th April 1964.

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

First annual meeting of Greater London Council

3.—(1) The annual meeting of the Greater London Council for 1964 shall be held at the County Hall, S.E.1, at noon on Monday 27th April 1964. In lieu of the requirement contained in paragraph 2(3)(*a*) of Part I of Schedule 3 to the Local Government Act 1933(c), as applied to the Council by paragraph 10 of Schedule 2 to the London Government Act 1963, notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be published at the County Hall, S.E.1, and at the Middlesex Guildhall, S.W.1.

(2) Until the completion of the election of a chairman at the said annual meeting such persons as the Minister of Housing and Local Government shall designate shall exercise any functions falling to be exercised by the chairman and vice-chairman of the Greater London Council, and until the close of such annual meeting the clerk of the London County Council, or if he is unable to act the clerk of the county council of Middlesex, shall exercise any functions falling to be exercised by the clerk to the Greater London Council:

Provided that no person shall vote in the first instance at the election of the chairman unless he is a councillor of the Greater London Council.

Wards of the London Borough of Bexley

4. The Schedule to the Charter granted by Her Majesty incorporating the inhabitants of the London Borough of Bexley shall have effect as if the number of Councillors specified in respect of the Falconwood, Upton, St. Mary's and Lamorbey East wards in column (2) of the said Schedule had been Two, Two, Four and Three respectively.

Notices of first meetings of London borough councils

5. In lieu of the requirement contained in paragraph 2(3)(*a*) of Part II of Schedule 3 to the Local Government Act 1933 notice of the time and place of the first meeting of a London borough council shall be published at the building at which the meeting is to be held.

(a) 1963 c. 33. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) 23 & 24 Geo. 5. c. 51.

Chairman and deputy chairman of London borough councils

6.—(1) A London borough council shall at their first meeting elect a chairman from among the councillors of the borough or persons qualified to be councillors of the borough.

(2) The election of the chairman shall be the first business transacted at the first meeting of the council. No person shall vote in the first instance unless he is a councillor of the borough, but the person presiding at the election shall, in the event of an equality of votes, give a casting vote whether or not he voted, or was entitled to vote, in the first instance.

(3) If the person elected as chairman is absent from the first meeting such councillor as the councillors present shall choose shall thereafter preside.

(4) The chairman shall, unless he resigns or becomes disqualified, hold office until the first mayor of the borough becomes entitled to act as mayor.

(5) The council may pay to the chairman such remuneration as they think reasonable.

(6) The chairman may appoint an alderman or councillor of the borough to be deputy chairman. The deputy chairman shall, unless he resigns or becomes disqualified, hold office until the first mayor of the borough becomes entitled to act as mayor.

(7) The appointment of a deputy chairman shall be signified to the council in writing and be recorded in the minutes of the council.

(8) The deputy chairman may, if for any reason the chairman is unable to act, or the office of chairman is vacant, discharge all functions which the chairman as such might discharge, except that he shall not take the chair at a meeting of the council unless specially appointed by the meeting to do so.

(9) Subject to the other provisions of this article, until the first mayor of the borough becomes entitled to act as mayor any reference in any enactment, other than section 18(5) of the Local Government Act 1933, in any instrument made under any enactment or in any standing orders to a mayor or deputy mayor shall include a reference to the chairman or the deputy chairman, as the case may be, of a London borough council.

(10) In relation to the chairman and deputy chairman, any provision as to sections 18 and 20 of the Local Government Act 1933 made by an Act of Parliament passed after the London Government Act 1963 shall be disregarded.

Annual meeting of London borough councils in 1965

7. The meeting of the council of a London borough at which the first mayor of the borough is elected shall be the annual meeting of the council for 1965 and paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 6 to the Representation of the People Act 1948(a) (which has effect in relation to the council of a London borough by virtue of paragraph 21 of Schedule 3 to the London Government Act 1963) shall not apply in 1965.

Inner London Education Authority

8.—(1) Each inner London borough council within the meaning of the London Government Act 1963 shall appoint their first representative on the special committee of the Greater London Council provided for by section 30(1) of the said Act at their first meeting.

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 65.

(2) The Common Council of the City of London shall appoint their first representative on the said special committee before or on 29th May 1964.

(3) The first meeting of the said special committee shall be held at the County Hall, S.E.1, at 3 p.m. on 5th June 1964.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Housing and Local Government on 7th April 1964.

(L.S.) *Keith Joseph,*
Minister of Housing and Local Government.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order—

(*a*) makes provision for the first meeting of the Greater London Council, for a chairman thereof until a chairman is elected, and for a clerk;

(*b*) corrects the number of councillors for four wards of the London borough of Bexley;

(*c*) makes minor provision in relation to the first meetings of the London borough councils;

(*d*) makes provision in relation to the chairman and deputy chairman of the London borough councils until the first mayors are elected in 1965;

(*e*) makes the meetings at which the mayors are elected the annual meetings of the London borough councils in 1965;

(*f*) requires the appointment of members of the Inner London Education Authority by the inner London borough councils and the Common Council and makes provision for the first meeting of the Authority.