STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1970 No. 171

LONDON GOVERNMENT

The London Authorities (Transfer of Housing Estates etc.) Order 1970

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Coming into Operation	*25th March* 1970

Whereas the Greater London Council and the councils of certain London boroughs have requested the Minister of Housing and Local Government to provide by an order under section 23(3) of the London Government Act 1963(**a**) for the transfer of certain housing accommodation for the time being vested in the Greater London Council;

And whereas the said councils have agreed the terms of such transfer;

And whereas the said Minister is required by the said section 23(3) to give effect to those terms;

And whereas certain further matters appear to the Minister necessary and proper for the purposes of or in consequence of that transfer:

Now therefore the Minister of Housing and Local Government, in exercise of his powers under sections 23(3), 84 and 85 of the London Government Act 1963 and 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 (Transfer of Housing Estates etc.) Order 1970, and shall come into operation on 25th March 1970.

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

(2) In this order—

"the deposited Schedule" means the Schedule "Properties transferred by article 3 of the London Authorities (Transfer of Housing Estates etc.) Order 1970" prepared in duplicate and sealed with the official seal of the Minister and as to which further provision is made in article 3(2);

"officer" includes the holder of any place, situation or employment;

"the Minister" means the Minister of Housing and Local Government and

"transferee authority", in relation to housing accommodation transferred by article 3, means the London borough council to whom that accommodation is so transferred.

(**a**) 1963 c. 33. (**b**) 1889 c. 63.

(3) In the articles of this order, unless the context otherwise requires, any reference to housing accommodation shall include—

(*a*) a reference to garages, parking spaces and estate amenities ; and

(*b*) a reference to shops where any such shop gives such access to a dwelling transferred by article 3 as to render the said shop and dwelling suitable for occupation by a single occupier ;

and references to an area of housing accommodation shall be construed accordingly.

(4) In this order, unless the context otherwise requires, references to any enactment shall be construed as references to that enactment as amended, extended or applied by or under any other enactment or by this order.

(5) Any reference in this order to a numbered article shall, unless the reference is to an article of a specified order, be construed as a reference to the article bearing that number in this order.

(6) Any reference in any article of this order to a numbered paragraph shall, unless the reference is to a paragraph of a specified article, be construed as a reference to the paragraph bearing that number in the first-mentioned article.

Transfer of property

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of article 13(3) and of Part III of the Schedule to this order, on 1st April 1970 any property described in any Part of the deposited Schedule and all liabilities (other than liabilities in respect of money borrowed) attaching to the Greater London Council in respect of any such property shall by virtue of this order be transferred to and vest in or attach to the authority named in the description of such Part, and—

(*a*) all contracts, deeds, bonds, agreements and other instruments subsisting in favour of, or against, and all notices in force which were given (or having effect as if they had been given) by, or to, the Greater London Council in respect of such property and liabilities shall be of full force and effect in favour of, or against, the authority named as aforesaid ; and

(*b*) any action or proceeding or any cause of action or proceeding, pending or existing at 1st April 1970, by, or against, the Greater London Council in respect of such property and liabilities shall not be prejudicially affected by reason of this order, and may be continued, prosecuted and enforced by, or against, the authority named as aforesaid.

(2) One duplicate of the deposited Schedule is deposited in the offices of the Minister and the other in the offices of the Greater London Council. Copies of the deposited Schedule have been deposited with the transferee authorities and shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times.

(3) Nothing in paragraph (1) shall affect any grant or subsidy receivable by the Greater London Council in respect of housing accommodation transferred by that paragraph.

4. Any property or liability transferred by article 3 to the authority for any area shall be held or discharged by them in respect of the area.

5. Any byelaws in force for the regulation of any property transferred by the said article shall have effect as if they had been made by the authority to whom such property is transferred.

6. Any legal proceedings pending at 1st April 1970 may be amended in such manner as may be necessary or proper in consequence of this order.

7. Where under this order or any adjustment made in consequence hereof any liability or part of a liability charged indifferently on all the revenues of a public body or on any particular revenues or fund of such body is transferred to another public body, the liability or part of the liability shall be charged indifferently on all the revenues of the public body to whom it is transferred and shall cease to be a charge on any revenues or fund of the public body from whom it is transferred.

In this article, 'public body' and 'revenues' have the same meanings as in the Local Government Act 1933(**a**).

8. Where by virtue of this order any matter in respect of which, if this order had not been made, sums would have become due and owing to a consolidated loans fund is transferred to an authority other than the authority by whom such fund is maintained on and after 1st April 1970, such sums shall be paid by the first-mentioned authority to the authority by whom the fund is maintained.

Covenants affecting property

9. Unless the Greater London Council and the transferee authority otherwise agree, section 62 of the Law of Property Act 1925(**b**) (which implies certain words in conveyances of land, subject to the terms of the conveyance and the provisions therein contained) shall have effect—

(*a*) in respect of any property transferred by article 3 ; and

(*b*) in respect of any property, being property vested in the Greater London Council, which is affected by the said transfer,

as if the property described in (*a*) and (*b*) respectively had been the subject of a conveyance on 1st April 1970.

10.—(1) This article applies to any land within the extent of an area of housing accommodation transferred by article 3, being land in respect of which the Greater London Council have powers under section 151 of the Housing Act 1957(**c**) to enforce covenants entered into on the sale or exchange of land.

(2) In respect of any land to which this article applies—

(*a*) the Greater London Council shall consult with the transferee authority before exercising their powers under the said section 151 ;

(*b*) the transferee authority may require the Greater London Council to exercise the said powers in any case where such exercise is requisite in the interests of the area of housing accommodation within the extent of which the land is situated.

(3) The Greater London Council shall notify the transferee authority of any land to which this article applies and provide sufficient particulars of the covenants to which the said section 151 relates.

11. Any covenant (not being a covenant affected by article 10) which would be enforceable by the Greater London Council immediately before 1st April 1970 in respect of land within the extent of an area of housing accommodation transferred by article 3, being land which was sold or exchanged by the Greater London Council or by the London County Council and, immediately before such sale or exchange, was held by them for the purposes of the Housing Act 1957 or of any Act re-enacted by that Act, shall be of full force and effect in favour of the transferee authority.

(**a**) 1933 c. 51. (**b**) 1925 c. 20. (**c**) 1957 c. 56.

Rent books

12. Until a new rent book is issued by a transferee authority in respect of any housing accommodation transferred by article 3, notification to the tenant of the said accommodation of that transfer shall be deemed to be a compliance by the said authority as landlord with the requirements of section 2(1)(*a*) of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1962(**a**).

Terms of transfer of housing accommodation

13.—(1) A transferee authority shall make payments to the Greater London Council in accordance with the provisions of Part I of the Schedule to this order.

(2) The Greater London Council shall pay to a transferee authority sums calculated in accordance with the provisions of Part II of the said Schedule.

(3) The Greater London Council may exercise the rights and shall discharge the liabilities described in Part III of the said Schedule.

Housing Revenue Account

14. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 5 to the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958(**b**), the Greater London Council and each transferee authority shall enter in their Housing Revenue Account any sums receivable or payable under or by virtue of this order, being sums which relate to matters which would have been so entered if this order had not been made.

Nomination rights

15.—(1) Until 1st April 1982 the Greater London Council may, without payment, nominate tenants to such proportion of the vacancies in the dwellings transferred by article 3 to a transferee authority, not exceeding 65 per centum of such vacancies, as they may determine from time to time.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (1), the Greater London Council may agree with a transferee authority, before 1st April 1982 in respect of nominations in excess of the said 65 per centum, or after that date as to any nominations, and any such agreement may include such terms (whether as to payment or otherwise) as may be agreed between the parties or, in default of agreement, as may be determined by the Minister or by an arbitrator appointed by him.

(3) Nothing in this article shall affect any agreement as to nominations subsisting between the Greater London Council and a London borough council at the coming into operation of this order.

Notices to be given

16. To enable the Greater London Council to provide the Minister with such information as he may require from time to time in order to determine any question relating to a grant or subsidy or the amount thereof, a transferee authority shall notify the Greater London Council of any action taken in respect of any housing accommodation transferred by article 3, being such action as may affect the payment of such a grant or subsidy or the amount thereof.

17.—(1) This article applies to each financial year until 1st April 1973.

(2) Where the Greater London Council—

(**a**) 1962 c. 50. (**b**) 1958 c. 42.

(*a*) have, as from 1st April or any later date in any year, applied a general increase to the rents payable on housing accommodation provided by them ; or

(*b*) have resolved to apply (whether or not they have authority to apply) any such general increase as from 31st March next following, or any earlier date,

they shall give notice to that effect to each transferee authority not later than 31st December in the said year.

(3) A notice given under paragraph (2) shall include sufficient details of how the increase would have applied to the housing accommodation transferred under article 3 to the transferee authority concerned if the transfer had not been effected.

(4) The Greater London Council shall provide to each transferee authority sufficient information from time to time of the cost and functioning of the rent rebate scheme operated by them under section 113 of the Housing Act 1957.

(5) The Greater London Council shall notify each transferee authority by 30th September in each year of their estimate of the average cost of maintenance and management of each dwelling owned by them in the year concerned, such notice including separate particulars as to flats and other housing accommodation so owned.

Transfer of staff

18.—(1) The Greater London Council shall make a scheme for the transfer to transferee authorities of any officers employed by them at or in connection with any area of housing accommodation transferred by article 3.

(2) The scheme mentioned in paragraph (1) shall specify—

(*a*) the officers or categories of officers liable to be transferred ;

(*b*) the method of determining the number of officers in each category to be transferred ;

(*c*) the means of selecting officers in any category for transfer ; and

(*d*) the date of transfer,

and different provision may be made for different circumstances.

(3) The scheme mentioned in paragraph (1) may require the payment by a transferee authority to the Greater London Council until 1st April 1972 of sums equal to not more than one-half of the basic remuneration of any officer who, with the agreement of the transferee authority, is not transferred under the said scheme although he falls within a category specified therein for such transfer.

Protection of staff

19.—(1) This article applies—

(*a*) where an officer is transferred under the scheme mentioned in article 18 ; and

(*b*) where an officer (not being an officer within item (*a*)) is transferred in consequence of any transfer of housing accommodation by the Greater London Council in circumstances approved by the Minister for the purposes of this article on the application of the said Council.

(2) Every officer entering (or having entered) the employment of a transferee

authority shall, so long as he continues in that employment by virtue of the transfer, enjoy terms and conditions of employment not less favourable than those he enjoyed immediately before such transfer:

Provided that this paragraph shall apply to the scale of the salary or remuneration of the officer only so long as he is engaged in duties reasonably comparable to those in which he was engaged immediately before his transfer.

Any question whether duties are reasonably comparable as aforesaid shall be determined by a tribunal established under section 12 of the Industrial Training Act 1964(**a**).

Superannuation

20.—(1) Where an officer who, immediately before his transfer to a transferee authority under the scheme mentioned in article 18 or as mentioned in article 19(1)(*b*)—

(*a*) was subject to an election not to participate in the benefits of the superannuation fund maintained by the Greater London Council under Part I of the Local Government Superannuation Act 1937(**b**); and

(*b*) had an expectation of a gratuity payable according to years of service,

that election shall remain in effect and such a gratuity shall, subject to terms and conditions which are not less beneficial, be payable in respect of his previous service and of any service rendered to the transferee authority.

(2) Section 35 of the Local Government Superannuation Act 1937 shall apply to an expectation under this article as it applies to a right under that Act.

Arbitration

21. Subject to any provision of this order, any dispute arising under this order or in consequence thereof shall be determined by an arbitrator appointed by agreement between the parties in dispute or, in default of agreement, by the Minister and, subject as aforesaid, the provisions of the Arbitration Act 1950(**c**) shall apply to any arbitration under this article.

SCHEDULE *Article* 13

Terms of Transfer of Housing Accommodation

Part I—Payments to the Greater London Council

1. In the year ending on 31st March 1971, a transferee authority shall pay to the Greater London Council by quarterly instalments in arrears a sum being the amount of the rents which were receivable by the latter authority on 31st March 1970 less the amount of—

(*a*) the estimated value of rent rebates in the said year based on the said rents calculated as if the housing accommodation had not been transferred; and

(*b*) the costs of management and costs of maintenance which were met in the year ending on 31st March 1970.

2. In each of the years ending on 31st March 1972, 31st March 1973 and 31st March 1974, a transferee authority shall pay to the Greater London Council by quarterly instalments in arrears a sum being the amount of the rents which would have been

(**a**) 1964 c. 16. (**b**) 1937 c. 68. (**c**) 1950 c. 27.

receivable by the latter authority on 31st March 1971, 31st March 1972 or 31st March 1973, as the case may be, if the housing accommodation had not been transferred, less the amount of—

(*a*) the estimated value of rent rebates in the said year on the basis of the said rents; and

(*b*) the costs of management and costs of maintenance which would have been met in the year ending on 31st March 1971, 31st March 1972 or 31st March 1973 as the case may be if the housing accommodation had not been transferred.

3. In each subsequent year until 31st March 1982, a transferee authority shall make the like payments to the Greater London Council as those mentioned in the last preceding paragraph with reference to the year ending on 31st March 1974.

4. In this Schedule, references to rents receivable on 31st March in a year are references to the amount of those rents on that basis for the year immediately after the said date.

5. In this Schedule, references to rents, rent rebates, costs of management and costs of maintenance are references to the rents, rebates or costs in respect of the housing accommodation transferred by article 3 to the transferee authority.

6. In the calculation of the amount of payments for the purposes of this Schedule, no regard shall be taken of any improvement carried out wholly or partly at the expense of a transferee authority or of any disposal or demolition of housing accommodation transferred.

7. In the calculation of rent rebates for the purposes of this Schedule, no regard shall be had to any change of tenancy after 31st March 1970.

8.—(1) In the calculation of the costs of management and costs of maintenance for the purposes of this Schedule, the Greater London Council shall assess such costs in respect of separate classes, namely flats and other housing accommodation transferred by article 3, and, in the calculation of costs of maintenance, each such class shall be divided into housing accommodation first occupied before 1st January 1940 and on or after the said date.

(2) The Treasurer of the Greater London Council shall certify—

(*a*) the average cost of management and the average cost of maintenance of each class and division of housing accommodation assessed under this paragraph; and

(*b*) the number of units transferred in each such class and division;

and the costs of management and the costs of maintenance shall be the total sum of the average costs in (*a*) multiplied by the relevant number in (*b*).

9. Where a transferee authority takes any action in respect of housing accommodation transferred by article 3 which results in the reduction or withdrawal of any grant or subsidy payable, that authority shall pay to the Greater London Council such sum (whether annually or as a single amount) as may be agreed to represent the value of the grant or subsidy which would have been paid.

10. After 31st March 1982, a transferee authority shall pay to the Greater London Council such sum as may be agreed to meet the liabilities of the latter authority with respect to the housing accommodation transferred by article 3 to the transferee authority, and any such agreement may include terms as to payment over a period and as to the allocation of any grant or subsidy receivable by the Greater London Council.

PART II—SUMS PAYABLE BY THE GREATER LONDON COUNCIL

1. By 30th September 1970 the Greater London Council shall pay to each transferee authority the two sums calculated under this Part of this Schedule.

2. The first sum is $\frac{x}{y}$ of the amount of the total balance of the Housing Repairs Account of the Greater London Council on 31st March 1970, where—

x is that number of dwellings to which the said account relates which are transferred by article 3 to the transferee authority; and

y is the total number of dwellings to which the said account relates on 31st March 1970.

3. The second sum is $\frac{p}{q}$ of the amount of the total balance of the Key Deposit Account of the Greater London Council on 31st March 1970, where—

p is that number of dwellings to which the said account relates which are transferred by article 3 to the transferee authority; and

q is the total number of dwellings to which the Housing Revenue Account of the Greater London Council relates on 31st March 1970.

PART III—RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES OF THE GREATER LONDON COUNCIL

1. The Greater London Council shall be entitled, on giving due notice, to use any equipment, plant, stores or materials transferred by article 3 for the purpose of the maintenance of any part of the area of housing accommodation concerned which is retained by them.

2. The Greater London Council shall meet the costs of works of modernisation or major improvement, being costs incurred in respect of a period before 1st April 1970.

3. The Greater London Council shall meet all costs of repair and minor improvement started or contracted for before 1st April 1970.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Housing and Local Government on 5th February 1970.

(L.S.) *Anthony Greenwood,*
Minister of Housing and Local Government.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order gives effect to the terms agreed between the Greater London Council and the councils of certain London boroughs for the transfer of housing accommodation to the latter councils, and makes consequential provision as to the transfer and protection of staff and other matters.

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