STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1975 No. 250 (S. 26)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SCOTLAND

The River Purification Boards (Transitional Provisions etc.) (Scotland) Order 1975

Made - - -	21*st February* 1975
Laid before Parliament	6*th March* 1975
Coming into Operation	28*th March* 1975

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 215 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973(**a**) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. This order may be cited as the River Purification Boards (Transitional Provisions etc.) (Scotland) Order 1975 and shall come into operation on 28th March 1975.

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

(2) In this order—

"the order establishing the board" means, in relation to any board, an order made under section 135(5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 establishing the river purification board;

"river purification board" means a river purification board established by order under section 135(5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

Allowances to members

3. For the purpose of securing that financial loss, travelling and subsistence allowances are payable, in respect of members of a river purification board or of a committee or a joint committee thereof, including in either case a sub-committee, from the date of the establishment of the river purification board until 15th May 1975, Part VI (Allowances to Members of Local Authorities and other Bodies) of the Local Government Act 1948(**c**) shall apply until the said date as if the said river purification board were a body prescribed under section 118(3)(*d*) of the said Act to which the said Part VI applies.

Expenses

4. Any expenses incurred by a river purification board before 16th May 1975 shall be defrayed as provided for in the order establishing that board.

(a) 1973 c. 65. (b) 1889 c. 63. (c) 1948 c. 26.

Admission to Meetings

5. For the purpose of securing the admission of representatives of the press and other members of the public to the meetings of a river purification board from the date of the establishment of such new board until 15th May 1975, such river purification board shall be a body to which the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960(**a**) applies.

Appointment of Officers

6.—(1) Subject to the provisions of the order establishing a board under section 135 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973(**b**) a river purification board may, before 16th May 1975, appoint such persons (hereinafter referred to as "officers") as they think necessary for the proper discharge of their functions after 16th May 1975 and may pay to such officers such reasonable salaries as the board may determine and shall make appropriate arrangements for the superannuation of such officers as if they were employees of a local authority and any officers so appointed shall hold office during the pleasure of the board.

(2) Where a river purification board before 16th May 1975 appoint to hold any office or employment before or as from that date any officer who but for the appointment would be transferred on 16th May 1975 under section 216 of the Act to the employment of any river purification board, the appointment shall be on such terms and conditions that—

(*a*) so long as the officer is engaged in duties reasonably comparable to those in which he was engaged immediately before the appointment, the scale of his salary or remuneration; and

(*b*) the other terms and conditions of his employment,

are not less favourable than those he enjoyed immediately before the appointment.

Property

7. A river purification board may acquire before 16th May 1975 such offices and other buildings as they may require for any purpose connected with the exercise of their functions after 16th May 1975.

William Ross,
One of Her Majesty's
Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.

21st February 1975.

(**a**) 1960 c. 67.

(**b**) 1973 c. 65.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

Orders under section 135 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 establishing new river purification boards will give these boards their necessary powers from 16th May 1975. Boards are likely to sit before that date and this Order makes transitional provisions until 15th May 1975 in relation to:—

(*a*) the payment of allowances;

(*b*) the defraying of expenses by regional councils and the issue of requisitions to them;

(*c*) admission of the public to meetings;

(*d*) the appointment of officers and their protection; and

(*e*) the acquisition of offices and other buildings.

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