LOCAL LOANS

1953 No. 1527

Treasury Minute, dated 19th October, 1953, fixing Rates of Interest on Local Loans

Made - - - - 19*th October*, 1953
Coming into Operation 20*th October*, 1953

My Lords read Section I of the Public Works Loans Act, 1897(a) (as amended by Section 5 of the Public Works Loans Act, 1935(b)), which empowers the Treasury from time to time to fix the rates of interest at which loans may be made out of the Local Loans Fund on the security of local rates, and provides that the Treasury, in fixing the rates, shall have regard to the duration of the loans, and also that the rates shall be such as, in the opinion of the Treasury, are sufficient to enable the loans to be made without loss to the Fund.

The rates of interest on loans to Local Authorities as defined in Section 10 of the Local Authorities Loans Act, 1945(c) which were fixed by the Treasury Minute of the 8th February, 1952(d), have been reviewed.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer now recommends, and My Lords approve, the following scale to come into operation on the Twentieth day of October, 1953 and to apply to all loans advanced to local authorities, as defined in Section 10 of the Local Authorities Loans Act, 1945, from the Local Loans Fund on or after that date :—

	Per cent.
Loans for not more than five years	$2\frac{5}{8}$
Loans for more than five years but not more than fifteen years	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Loans for more than fifteen years	4

1953 No. 1528

Treasury Minute, dated 19th October, 1953, fixing Rates of Interest on Local Loans (other than Loans to Local Authorities)

Made - - - - 19*th October*, 1953
Coming into Operation 20*th October*, 1953

My Lords read Section 4 of the Public Works Loans Act, 1918(e), by which it is declared that the power of the Treasury under Section 1 of the Public Works Loans Act, 1897(a), as amended by Section 4 of the Public Works Loans Act, 1917(f), to fix rates of interest on loans made out of the Local Loans Fund otherwise than on the security of local rates includes (subject always to the provisions of the said Sections) a power to fix rates of interest differing from the rates fixed for loans made out of that Fund on the

(a) 60 & 61 Vict. c. 51. (b) 26 Geo. 5 & 1 Edw. 8. c. 5. (c) 8 & 9 Geo. 6. c. 18.
(d) S.I. 1952/273; 1952 II, p. 2049. (e) 8 & 9 Geo. 5. c. 27. (f) 7 & 8 Geo. 5. c. 32.