NATIONAL DEBT COMMISSIONERS

1952 No. 273

Treasury Minute, dated 8th February, 1952, fixing Rates of Interest on Local Loans

Made - - - - 8*th February*, 1952
Coming into Operation 9*th February*, 1952

My Lords read Section 1 of the Public Works Loans Act, 1897(**a**) 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.

They also read the Local Authorities Loans Act, 1945(**b**) which prohibits, with certain exceptions, all borrowing by a local authority otherwise than from the Public Works Loan Commissioners, and also abolishes the statutory provisions which made it necessary to charge on certain loans for housing, small holdings and allotments, the minimum rate of interest allowed for the time being for loans out of the Local Loans Fund whatever the period.

The rates of interest on loans to Local Authorities as defined in Section 10 of the last mentioned Act which were fixed by the Treasury Minute of the 8th November, 1951(**c**), have been reviewed in the light of present monetary conditions.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer now recommends, and My Lords approve, the following scale to come into operation on the Ninth day of February, 1952 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	2¾
Loans for more than five years but not more than fifteen years	3¾
Loans for more than fifteen years	4¼

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Treasury Minute, dated 8th February, 1952, fixing Rates of Interest on Local Loans (other than Loans to Local Authorities)

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My Lords read Section 4 of the Public Works Loans Act, 1918(**d**), by which it is declared that the power of the Treasury under Section 1 of the Public Works Loans Act, 1897(**e**), as amended by Section 4 of the Public Works

(**a**) 60 & 61 Vict. c. 51. (**b**) 8 & 9 Geo. 6. c. 18. (**c**) S.I. 1951/1955; 1951 I, p. 1385.
(**d**) 8 & 9 Geo. 5. c. 27. (**e**) 60 & 61 Vict. c. 51.