STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1974 No. 1565 (S.138)

RATING AND VALUATION

The Valuation (Combination of Councils) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1974

Made - - - -	18*th September* 1974
Laid before Parliament	19*th September* 1974
Coming into Operation	26*th September* 1974

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 116(5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973(a), and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, it appearing to me that it would be of public or local advantage for the Highland Regional Council and the Western Isles Islands Council to combine for certain of their functions under the Valuation Acts and for the Orkney Islands Council and the Shetland Islands Council to combine for those functions, I hereby make the following order:—

1. This order may be cited as the Valuation (Combination of Councils) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 1974 and shall come into operation on 26th September 1974.

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 Act" means the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973;

"the Valuation Acts" has the meaning assigned to it by section 116(8) of the Act;

"functions" means the functions under the Valuation Acts specified in article 3(3) below;

"joint committee" has the meaning assigned to it by section 235(1) of the Act.

3.—(1) The Highland Regional Council and the Western Isles Islands Council shall be combined for the functions.

(2) The Orkney Islands Council and the Shetland Islands Council shall be combined for the functions.

(3) The functions referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) above are—

(*a*) the appointment of an assessor and such number of depute assessors and other officers as may be necessary to assist him;

(a) 1973 c. 65.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

(*b*) the determination of their remuneration, allowances and terms and conditions of service;

(*c*) their dismissal or removal from office; and

(*d*) the provision of such office accommodation as may be necessary for the efficient execution of the combined functions.

4.—(1) For the purpose of discharging the functions in relation to the Highland Region and the Western Isles Islands Area there shall be a joint committee which, subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) below, shall consist of 5 members, of whom 4 shall be appointed by the Highland Regional Council and 1 shall be appointed by the Western Isles Islands Council.

(2) For the purpose of discharging the functions in relation to the Orkney and Shetland Islands Areas there shall be a joint committee which, subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) below, shall consist of 4 members, of whom 2 shall be appointed by the Orkney Islands Council and 2 shall be appointed by the Shetland Islands Council.

(3) The number of members of a joint committee and the number appointed by each council may be changed by agreement between those councils.

(4) Each council may appoint substitute members not exceeding the number of members of a joint committee appointed by that council, and any substitute member may attend any meeting of the joint committee in place of a member and shall have the same voting power.

(5) The provisions of section 57(3) and (5) of the Act shall apply in relation to a joint committee as they apply in relation to a committee appointed under section 57(1) of the Act.

(6) The first meeting of a joint committee shall be convened by a person designated by the Secretary of State and shall be held at such place as the said person may appoint.

(7) The provisions of paragraphs 1 to 4 and 7(2) of Schedule 7 to the Act shall apply, subject to such modifications as the joint committee may determine, in relation to a joint committee as they apply in relation to a council.

(8) The provisions of section 58 of the Act shall apply in relation to a joint committee as they apply in relation to a joint committee appointed under Part V of the Act.

5. The Valuation (Combination of Councils) (Scotland) Order 1974**(a)** is hereby revoked.

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

St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.

18th September 1974.

(a) 1974/1056 (1974 II, p. 3947).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order provides for the combination of the councils of the Highland Region and the Western Isles Islands Area for the purposes of certain of their functions relating to valuation and for the combination of the councils of the Islands Areas of Orkney and Shetland for like purposes. This Order also provides for the administration of those functions by joint committees of the councils, for certain ancillary matters and for the revocation of the Valuation (Combination of Councils) (Scotland) Order 1974 which it supersedes.

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