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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 20

ASSISTANCE BY WAY OF REPURCHASE

PART III

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

Introductory

- 11 (1) In this Part of this Schedule “the agreement” means the agreement entered into in pursuance of Parts I and II of this Schedule, and—
- “the authority” means the authority acquiring an interest in a defective dwelling under the agreement;
 - “the conveyance” means the conveyance executed under the agreement;
 - “the interest acquired” means the interest in the dwelling concerned of which the vendor disposes under the agreement;
 - “the purchase price” means the price which the agreement requires the authority to pay for the interest acquired; and
 - “the vendor” means the person with whom the authority enter into the agreement.
- (2) In this Part of this Schedule—
- (a) references to a charge include a mortgage or lien, but not a rentcharge within the meaning of the ^{M1}Rentcharges Act 1977, and
 - (b) references to a relevant charge are to a charge to which the interest acquired is subject immediately before the conveyance and which secures the performance of an obligation but is not either a local land charge or a charge which is, or would be, overreached by the conveyance apart from this Schedule.

Marginal Citations

M1 1977 c. 30.

Conveyance frees interest acquired from relevant charges

- 12 (1) The conveyance is effective—
- (a) to discharge the interest acquired from any relevant charge,
 - (b) to discharge the interest acquired from the operation of any order made by a court for the enforcement of such a charge, and
 - (c) to extinguish any term of years created for the purposes of such a charge,

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without the persons entitled to or interested in such a charge, order or term of years becoming parties to or executing the conveyance.

- (2) The effect of this paragraph is restricted to discharging the interest acquired from the charge and does not affect personal liabilities.
- (3) This paragraph does not prevent a person from joining in the conveyance for the purpose of discharging the interest acquired from a charge.
- (4) The operation of this paragraph is subject to paragraph 14 (effect of failure to apply purchase price in or towards satisfaction of charge).

Application of purchase price in satisfaction of relevant charges

13 (1) The authority shall apply the purchase price in the first instance in or towards the redemption of any relevant charge securing the payment of money (if there is more than one, then according to their priorities), subject to the provisions of this paragraph.

- (2) For the purposes of this paragraph—
 - (a) a person entitled to a charge may not exercise a right to consolidate the charge with a separate charge on other property;
 - (b) a person may be required to accept three months' or longer notice of the intention to repay the principal or any part of it secured by the charge, together with interest to the date of payment, notwithstanding that this differs from the terms of the security as to the time and manner of payment;
 - (c) a charge to which the vendor or the authority themselves are entitled ranks for payment as it would if another person were entitled to it; and
 - (d) where a person, without payment or for less payment than he would otherwise be entitled to, joins in the conveyance for the purpose of discharging the interest acquired from a charge, the persons to whom the purchase price ought to be paid shall be determined accordingly.

- (3) This paragraph does not apply to—
 - (a) a charge in favour of the holders of a series of debentures issued by a body, or
 - (b) a charge in favour of trustees for such debenture holders which at the date of the conveyance is a floating charge;

and the authority shall disregard such charges in performing their duty under this paragraph.

14 If the authority do not apply an amount which under paragraph 13 they are required to apply in or towards the redemption of a charge (and do not pay that amount into court in accordance with paragraph 15), the charge is not discharged by virtue of paragraph 12 and the interest acquired remains subject to the charge as security for that amount.

Power to make payment into court in case of difficulty

- 15 (1) Where a person is or may be entitled by virtue of paragraph 13 to receive, in respect of a relevant charge, the whole or part of the purchase price and—
 - (a) for any reason difficulty arises in ascertaining how much is payable in respect of the charge, or

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- (b) for any reason mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) difficulty arises in making a payment in respect of the charge,
the authority may pay into court on account of the purchase price the amount, if known, of the payment to be made in respect of the charge or, if the amount is not known, the whole of the purchase price, or such lesser amount as the authority think right in order to provide for that payment.
- (2) The reasons referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(b) are—
- (a) that a person who is or may be entitled to receive payment cannot be found or ascertained;
 - (b) that any such person refuses or fails to make out a title, or to accept payment and give a proper discharge, or to take any step reasonably required of him to enable the sum payable to be ascertained and paid; or
 - (c) that a tender of the sum payable cannot, by reason of complications in the entitlement to payment or the want of two or more trustees or for other reasons, be effected, or not without incurring or involving unreasonable cost or delay.

Duty to pay into court in certain cases

- 16 (1) The authority shall pay the purchase price into court if, before the execution of the conveyance, written notice is given to them—
- (a) that the vendor, or a person entitled to a charge on the interest to be acquired, so requires either for the purpose of protecting the rights of persons so entitled or for reasons related to the bankruptcy or winding up of the vendor, or
 - (b) that steps have been taken to enforce a charge on the interest to be acquired by the bringing of proceedings in a court, by the appointment of a receiver or otherwise.
- (2) Where a payment into court is made by reason only of a notice under this paragraph and the notice is given with reference to proceedings in a specified court (other than the county court), payment shall be made into that court.

Registration of title

- 17 ^{F1}(1)
- (2) For the purposes of registration of title to the land acquired by the authority—
- (a) the authority shall give to the Chief Land Registrar a certificate stating that the person from whom the relevant interest was acquired to convey the interest subject only to such incumbrances, rights and interests as are stated in the conveyance or summarised in the certificate, and
 - (b) the Chief Land Registrar shall accept the certificate as sufficient evidence of the facts stated in it;
- but if, as a result, he has to meet a claim against him under the [^{F2}Land Registration Act 2002], the authority shall indemnify him.
- (3) A certificate under sub-paragraph (2) shall be in a form approved by the Chief Land Registrar and shall be signed by such officer of the authority, or such other person, as may be approved by the Chief Land Registrar.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 20 para. 17(1) repealed (1.4.1998) by 1997 c. 2, s. 4(2), **Sch. 2 Pt. I**; S.I. 1997/3036, **art. 2(c)**
- F2** Sch. 20 para. 17(2): words "Land Registration Act 2002" substituted for "Land Registration Acts 1925 to 1986" (13.10.2003) by virtue of 2002 c. 9, ss. 133, 136(2), **Sch. 11 para. 18(13)** (with s. 129); S.I. 2003/1725, **art. 2(1)**

Interest acquired by local housing authority treated as acquired under Part II

- 18 If the authority are a local housing authority, the interest acquired by them shall be treated as acquired by them under section 17 (acquisition of land for purposes of Part II (provision of housing)).

Certain grant conditions cease to have effect

- 19 (1) Where the interest acquired is or includes a dwelling in relation to which an improvement grant, intermediate grant, special grant or repairs grant has been paid under Part XV—
- (a) any grant condition imposed under or by virtue of that Part ceases to be in force with respect to the dwelling with effect from the time of disposal of the interest, and
 - (b) the owner for the time being of the dwelling is not liable to make in relation to the grant any payment under section 506 (repayment of grant for breach of condition) except in pursuance of a demand made before the time of disposal of the interest.
- (2) In this paragraph “dwelling” and “owner” have the same meaning as in Part XV.

Overreaching effect of conveyance

- 20 The conveyance has effect under section 2(1) of the ^{M2}Law of Property Act 1925 (conveyances overreaching certain equitable interests and powers) to overreach any incumbrance capable of being overreached under that section—
- (a) as if the requirements to which that section refers as to the payment of capital money allowed any part of the purchase price paid under paragraph 13, 15 or 16 (payment in satisfaction of charge or into court) to be so paid, and
 - (b) where the interest conveyed is settled land, as if the conveyance were made under the powers of the ^{M3}Settled Land Act 1925.

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- M2** 1925 c. 20.
M3 1925 c. 18.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) savings for amendments by 2018 anaw 1, s. 6, Sch. 6 by [S.I. 2019/110 reg. 5](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act savings and transitional provisions for amendments by [S.I. 2022/1166](#) by [S.I. 2022/1172](#) Regulations

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 81A-81D and cross-heading inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 4](#) (This provision is amended by [2021 c. 7, ss. 79\(3\), 90\(6\)](#); [S.I. 2021/1038, reg. 3\(c\)](#))
- s. 81B(1)(b) words inserted by [2018 c. 11 s. 1\(3\)](#)
- s. 81B(2A)-(2C) inserted by [2018 c. 11 s. 1\(2\)](#)
- s. 81B(2C) words substituted by [2021 c. 17 s. 79\(3\)\(a\)\(i\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The insertion of s. 81B by [2016 c. 22, Sch. 7 para. 4](#) is still prospective)
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- s. 81B(2D) inserted by [2021 c. 17 s. 79\(3\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The insertion of s. 81B by [2016 c. 22, Sch. 7 para. 4](#) is still prospective)
- s. 82(A1)(A2) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 119\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 82A(4A)(4B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 7\(2\)](#)
- s. 86(1A)(1B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 10\(3\)](#)
- s. 86(1C) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 2](#)
- s. 86A-86F and cross-headings inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 11](#)
- s. 86G s. 86A renumbered as s. 86G by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 3\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 86G(8) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 3\(2\)](#)
- s. 88(1)(ba) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 4](#)
- s. 89(2A)-(2D) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 5\(3\)](#)
- s. 97(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 12\(3\)](#)
- s. 99A(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 13\(3\)](#)
- s. 115B115C inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 15](#)
- s. 115B115C inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 15](#)
- s. 305(1A) inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 68\(b\)](#)
- s. 306(1A) inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 69\(b\)](#)
- s. 353A inserted by [1996 c. 52 s. 73\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 73 repealed (6.4.2006 for E., 16.6.2006 for W.) by [2004 c. 34, Sch. 16](#); [S.I. 2006/1060, art. 2\(1\)\(e\), Sch.](#); [S.I. 2006/1535, art. 2\(c\), Sch.](#))
- s. 582(6)(aa)-(ac) substituted for s. 582(6)(a) by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 18 para. 4\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1ZA and cross-heading inserted by [2016 c. 22 Sch. 7 para. 17\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 5A para. 3(3)(aa) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 18 para. 4\(3\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 5A para. 3(6A) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 18 para. 4\(3\)\(d\)](#)