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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 4

Section 53(6).

MANAGEMENT AND CONDUCT OF COMMUNITY HOMES

PART I

INSTRUMENTS OF MANAGEMENT

Instruments of management for controlled and assisted community homes

- 1 (1) The Secretary of State may by order make an instrument of management providing for the constitution of a body of managers for any ^{F1}. . . home which is designated as a controlled or assisted community home.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (3) applies where two or more ^{F1}. . . homes are designated as controlled community homes or as assisted community homes.
- (3) If—
- (a) those homes are, or are to be, provided by the same voluntary organisation; and
 - (b) the same local authority is to be represented on the body of managers for those homes,
- a single instrument of management may be made by the Secretary of State under this paragraph constituting one body of managers for those homes or for any two or more of them.
- (4) The number of persons who, in accordance with an instrument of management, constitute the body of managers for a ^{F1}. . . home shall be such number (which must be a multiple of three) as may be specified in the instrument.
- (5) The instrument shall provide that the local authority specified in the instrument shall appoint—
- (a) in the case of a ^{F1}. . . home which is designated as a controlled community home, two-thirds of the managers; and
 - (b) in the case of a ^{F1}. . . home which is designated as an assisted community home, one-third of them.
- (6) An instrument of management shall provide that the foundation managers shall be appointed, in such manner and by such persons as may be specified in the instrument—
- (a) so as to represent the interests of the voluntary organisation by which the home is, or is to be, provided; and
 - (b) for the purpose of securing that—

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- (i) so far as is practicable, the character of the home ^{F2} . . . will be preserved; and
 - (ii) subject to paragraph 2(3), the terms of any trust deed relating to the home are observed.
- (7) An instrument of management shall come into force on such date as it may specify.
- (8) If an instrument of management is in force in relation to a ^{F1} . . . home the home shall be (and be known as) a controlled community home or an assisted community home, according to its designation.
- (9) In this paragraph—
- “foundation managers”, in relation to a ^{F1} . . . home, means those of the managers of the home who are not appointed by a local authority in accordance with sub-paragraph (5); and
- “designated” means designated in accordance with section 53.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in [Sch. 4 para. 1\(1\)\(2\)\(4\)\(5\)\(8\)\(9\)](#) repealed (14.10.1991) by [Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 \(c. 41, SIF 76:1\)](#), ss. 116, 125(7), [Sch. 16 para. 28\(1\)](#), [Sch. 20](#); S.I. 1991/1883, art. 3, [Sch.](#)
- F2** Words in [Sch. 4 para. 1\(6\)\(b\)\(i\)](#) repealed (14.10.1991) by [Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 \(c. 41, SIF 76:1\)](#), ss. 116, 125(7), [Sch. 16 para. 28\(2\)](#), [Sch. 20](#); S.I. 1991/1883, art. 3, [Sch.](#)

Commencement Information

- I1** [Sch. 4 Pt. I para. 1](#) in force at 14.10.1991 see [s. 108\(2\)\(3\)](#) and S.I. 1991/828, [art. 3\(2\)](#)

- 2 (1) An instrument of management shall contain such provisions as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (2) Nothing in the instrument of management shall affect the purposes for which the premises comprising the home are held.
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-paragraph (1), an instrument of management may contain provisions—
- (a) specifying the nature and purpose of the home (or each of the homes) to which it relates;
 - (b) requiring a specified number or proportion of the places in that home (or those homes) to be made available to local authorities and to any other body specified in the instrument; and
 - (c) relating to the management of that home (or those homes) and the charging of fees with respect to—
 - (i) children placed there; or
 - (ii) places made available to any local authority or other body.
- (4) Subject to sub-paragraphs (1) and (2), in the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of any trust deed and an instrument of management, the instrument of management shall prevail over the provisions of the trust deed in so far as they relate to the home concerned.
- (5) After consultation with the voluntary organisation concerned and with the local authority specified in its instrument of management, the Secretary of State may by order vary or revoke any provisions of the instrument.

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I2 Sch. 4 Pt. I para. 2 wholly in force at 14.10.1991 see s. 108(2)(3) and S.I. 1991/828, art. 3(2)

PART II

MANAGEMENT OF CONTROLLED AND ASSISTED COMMUNITY HOMES

- 3 (1) The management, equipment and maintenance of a controlled community home shall be the responsibility of the local authority specified in its instrument of management.
- (2) The management, equipment and maintenance of an assisted community home shall be the responsibility of the voluntary organisation by which the home is provided.
- (3) In this paragraph—
“home” means a controlled community home or (as the case may be) assisted community home; and
“the managers”, in relation to a home, means the managers constituted by its instrument of management; and
“the responsible body”, in relation to a home, means the local authority or (as the case may be) voluntary organisation responsible for its management, equipment and maintenance.
- (4) The functions of a home’s responsible body shall be exercised through the managers [F3, except in so far as, under section 53(3B), any of the accommodation is to be managed by another person.].
- (5) Anything done, liability incurred or property acquired by a home’s managers shall be done, incurred or acquired by them as agents of the responsible body [F4; and similarly, to the extent that a contract so provides, as respects anything done, liability incurred or property acquired by a person by whom, under section 53(3B), any of the accommodation is to be managed].
- (6) In so far as any matter is reserved for the decision of a home’s responsible body by—
(a) sub-paragraph (8);
(b) the instrument of management;
(c) the service by the body on the managers, or any of them, of a notice reserving any matter,
that matter shall be dealt with by the body and not by the managers.
- (7) In dealing with any matter so reserved, the responsible body shall have regard to any representations made to the body by the managers.
- (8) The employment of persons at a home shall be a matter reserved for the decision of the responsible body.
- (9) Where the instrument of management of a controlled community home so provides, the responsible body may enter into arrangements with the voluntary organisation by which that home is provided whereby, in accordance with such terms as may be agreed between them and the voluntary organisation, persons who are not in the employment of the responsible body shall undertake duties at that home.
- (10) Subject to sub-paragraph (11)—

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- (a) where the responsible body for an assisted community home proposes to engage any person to work at that home or to terminate without notice the employment of any person at that home, it shall consult the local authority specified in the instrument of management and, if that authority so direct, the responsible body shall not carry out its proposal without their consent; and
 - (b) that local authority may, after consultation with the responsible body, require that body to terminate the employment of any person at that home.
- (11) Paragraphs (a) and (b) of sub-paragraph (10) shall not apply—
- (a) in such cases or circumstances as may be specified by notice in writing given by the local authority to the responsible body; and
 - (b) in relation to the employment of any persons or class of persons specified in the home's instrument of management.
- (12) The accounting year of the managers of a home shall be such as may be specified by the responsible body.
- (13) Before such date in each accounting year as may be so specified, the managers of a home shall submit to the responsible body estimates, in such form as the body may require, of expenditure and receipts in respect of the next accounting year.
- (14) Any expenses incurred by the managers of a home with the approval of the responsible body shall be defrayed by that body.
- (15) The managers of a home shall keep—
- (a) proper accounts with respect to the home; and
 - (b) proper records in relation to the accounts.
- (16) Where an instrument of management relates to more than one home, one set of accounts and records may be kept in respect of all the homes to which it relates.

Textual Amendments

F3 Words in [Sch. 4 Pt. II para. 3\(4\)](#) inserted (8.3.1996) by [1994 c. 33, s. 22\(3\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 1996/625, [art. 2](#)

F4 Words in [Sch. 4 Pt. II para. 3\(5\)](#) inserted (8.3.1996) by [1994 c. 33, s. 22\(3\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 1996/625, [art. 2](#)

Commencement Information

I3 [Sch. 4 Pt. II para. 3](#) wholly in force at 14.10.1991 see [s. 108\(2\)\(3\)](#) and S.I. 1991/828, [art. 3\(2\)](#)

PART III

REGULATIONS

- 4 (1) The Secretary of State may make regulations—
- (a) as to the placing of children in community homes;
 - ^{F5}(b)
 - ^{F5}(c)
- ^{F6}(2)
- ^{F6}(3)

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Textual Amendments

- F5** Sch. 4 Pt. III para. 4(1)(b)(c) repealed (1.4.2002) by 2000 c. 14, s. 117(2), **Sch. 6**; S.I. 2001/4150, **art. 3(3)(c)(viii)** (subject to transitional provision in **art. 4** of the commencing S.I. and to the amendment of **art. 3** by S.I. 2002/1493, **art. 6**); S.I. 2002/920, **art. 3(3)(g)** (with **art. 3(5)-(10)** and transitional provisions in Schs. 1-3)
- F6** Sch. 4 Pt. III para. 4(2)(3) repealed (1.4.2002) by 2000 c. 14, s. 117(2), **Sch. 6**; S.I. 2001/4150, **art. 3(3)(c)(viii)** (subject to transitional provision in **art. 4** of the commencing S.I. and to the amendment of **art. 3** by S.I. 2002/1493, **art. 6**); S.I. 2002/920, **art. 3(3)(g)** (with **art. 3(5)-(10)** and transitional provisions in Schs. 1-3)

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- I4** Sch. 4 Pt. III para. 4 wholly in force at 14.10.1991 see s. 108(2)(3) and S.I. 1991/828, **art. 3(2)**

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- s. 4(1A)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 6 para. 21\(3\)](#)
- s. 4(1C) inserted by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 6 para. 21\(4\)](#)
- s. 4ZA(2)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 6 para. 22\(3\)](#)
- s. 4ZA(3A) inserted by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 6 para. 22\(4\)](#)
- s. 8(4)(k) inserted by [2021 c. 17 s. 52\(1\)](#)
- s. 31A(4A) inserted by [2014 c. 6 s. 15\(2\)\(b\)](#)