



# Housing and Town Development (Scotland) Act 1957

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## PART I

1—7 .....<sup>F1</sup>

### Textual Amendments

**F1** Ss. 1—7, 23, Sch. 1 Pt. I paras. 2, 3 repealed with saving by [Housing \(Financial Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Act 1972 \(c. 46\), s. 79\(3\), Sch. 11 Pt. III](#)

## PART II

PROVISION OF HOUSING ACCOMMODATION AND ASSOCIATED  
TOWN DEVELOPMENT IN RELIEF OF OVER-POPULATED DISTRICTS

### *Exporting and Receiving Authorities*

#### **8 Exporting and receiving authorities.**

(1) References in this Part of this Act to an exporting authority are references to a local authority for a district which has a need for housing accommodation which cannot in the opinion of the Secretary of State be properly and fully met by the provision of housing accommodation within the district, who propose to make or have made arrangements for the meeting of that need, in whole or in part, by the provision of housing accommodation outside their district—

- (a) by another local authority, or a development corporation, in pursuance of an overspill agreement, or

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- (b) by the Scottish Special Housing Association acting with the approval of the Secretary of State, or
  - (c) by themselves in exercise of powers conferred by the principal Act.
- (2) References in this Part of, and in the Second Schedule to, this Act to a receiving authority are (subject to subsection (7) of the next following section) references to the local authority for any district in which housing accommodation is, or may be, provided in pursuance of arrangements such as are mentioned in the foregoing subsection.

### *Overspill agreements*

## 9 **Overspill agreements.**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section an exporting authority and a receiving authority may enter into an agreement (in this Part of this Act referred to as an overspill agreement) for the provision by the receiving authority, in the district of the receiving authority, of housing accommodation to meet, wholly or in part, the needs of the district of the exporting authority.
- (2) Proposals prepared and submitted to the Secretary of State by a local authority in discharge of their duty under section sixty of the principal Act may, in the case of a local authority who are an exporting authority, include proposals for the provision of housing accommodation in pursuance of an overspill agreement.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of this section an overspill agreement may be made on such terms as may be agreed between the parties thereto.
- (4) An overspill agreement shall provide for—
  - (a) the provision by the receiving authority of housing accommodation and the letting of that accommodation to persons approved for that purpose by the exporting and receiving authorities (hereinafter referred to as “approved persons”); and
  - (b) ..... F2
- [<sup>F3</sup>(5) An overspill agreement (whether entered into before or after this Act comes into force) may provide, with the consent of the Secretary of State, for the making by the exporting authority to the receiving authority of such payment as may be specified in the agreement.]
- (6) No overspill agreement shall have effect unless it has been approved by the Secretary of State.
- (7) An exporting authority may enter into an overspill agreement with a development corporation in like manner as with a receiving authority, and accordingly in this section references to a receiving authority shall be construed as including a development corporation.
- (8) ..... F4

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F2** S. 9(4)(b) repealed with saving by [Housing \(Financial Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Act 1972 \(c. 46\)](#), ss. [69\(2\)\(a\)](#), 79(3), Sch. 11 Pt. V

- F3** S. 9(5) substituted with saving by [Housing \(Financial Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Act 1972 \(c. 46\), s. 69\(2\)\(b\)\(3\)](#)
- F4** Ss. 9(8), 28(2), Sch. 3 repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1974 \(c. 22\), s. 1, Sch. Pt. V](#)

### *Town development schemes*

## 10 Town development schemes.

- (1) Where a receiving authority consider it expedient that, in conjunction with any housing accommodation proposed to be provided [<sup>F5</sup>or already provided] in their district in pursuance of arrangements such as are mentioned in subsection (1) of section eight of this Act there should be carried out other development, including the provision of all or any of the following, namely, accommodation for the carrying on of industrial or other activities, appropriate public services, facilities for public worship, recreation and amenity and other requirements, they may, subject to the following provisions of this Part of this Act, make and submit to the Secretary of State a scheme containing proposals for that development related to the proposals as to the housing accommodation [<sup>F5</sup>and related also to the housing accommodation already provided, if any]; and on approval by the Secretary of State any such scheme (hereinafter referred to as a “town development scheme”) shall have effect for the purposes of this Part of this Act, and any duty which it proposes should be undertaken by the receiving [<sup>F6</sup>authority or Scottish Water] shall be a duty of that authority [<sup>F7</sup>or, as the case may be, Scottish Water].
- (2) A town development scheme may be extended or amended by a subsequent town development scheme.
- (3) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the contents, submission and approval of, and other matters connected with, town development schemes.
- (4) The Secretary of State shall not approve any town development scheme unless he is satisfied—
  - (a) that the execution of the scheme will be consistent with the proper planning of the area to which the scheme relates, and
  - (b) that if he were to withhold approval the development proposed therein, either by itself or along with commitments already undertaken or proposed to be undertaken by way of overspill agreements or other town development schemes by the receiving authority, would impose an unreasonable burden on the financial resources of the receiving authority.
- (5) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this section and to the provisions of the Second Schedule to this Act, the Secretary of State may approve a town development scheme without modification or with such modifications as appear to him to be expedient, so however that no such modification shall impose on any authority [<sup>F8</sup>or Scottish Water] any duty other than a duty relating to any water supply or sewerage service required for the purposes of the scheme.
- (6) References in this Part of, and in the Second Schedule to, this Act to a receiving or exporting authority in relation to a town development scheme are references respectively to the receiving authority who promoted, or are promoting, the scheme and to the exporting authority to meet the needs of whose district the housing accommodation to which the scheme relates is, or is to be, provided.

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#### Textual Amendments

- F5** Words inserted by [Housing Act 1964 \(c. 56\), s. 100](#)
- F6** Words in s. 10(1) substituted (25.6.2003) by [Water Industry \(Scotland\) Act 2002 Consequential Provisions\) Order 2003 \(S.S.I. 2003/331\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. para. 2(2)(a)(i)**
- F7** Words in s. 10(1) inserted (25.6.2003) by [Water Industry \(Scotland\) Act 2002 Consequential Provisions\) Order 2003 \(S.S.I. 2003/331\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. para. 2(2)(a)(ii)**
- F8** Words in s. 10(5) inserted (25.6.2003) by [Water Industry \(Scotland\) Act 2002 Consequential Provisions\) Order 2003 \(S.S.I. 2003/331\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. para. 2(2)(b)**

### <sup>F9</sup>11 **Provision of water supplies and sewerage services under town development schemes.**

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#### Textual Amendments

- F9** [S. 11](#) repealed (25.6.2003) by [Water Industry \(Scotland\) Act 2002 Consequential Provisions\) Order 2003 \(S.S.I. 2003/331\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. para. 2(3)**

### <sup>F10</sup>12 **Allocation of expenditure on water supplies and sewerage services under town development schemes.**

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#### Textual Amendments

- F10** [S. 12](#) repealed (25.6.2003) by [Water Industry \(Scotland\) Act 2002 Consequential Provisions\) Order 2003 \(S.S.I. 2003/331\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. para. 2(3)**

### 13 **Powers as to acquisition and use of land for the purposes of town development schemes.**

- (1) Where as respects any land which is—

- (a) comprised in an area to which a town development scheme relates, . . . <sup>F11</sup>  
(b) ..... <sup>F11</sup>

the Secretary of State is satisfied that it is necessary for the proper execution of the town development scheme that the land should be acquired by the receiving authority under this section he may authorise that authority to acquire the land compulsorily in accordance with this section.

- (2) The <sup>M1</sup>Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act, 1947, shall apply to the compulsory acquisition of land under this section and, accordingly, shall have effect as if this section had been in force immediately before the commencement of that Act.
- (3) This section shall, for the purposes of any enactment containing a reference to section thirty-five of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1947 (which relates to the acquisition of land for planning purposes) be treated as forming part of the said section thirty-five, and shall in particular be so treated for the purposes of . . . <sup>F12</sup>,

subsection (1) of section thirty-seven, and subsection (2) of section forty-two of that Act, and of subsection (1) of section eighteen of the <sup>M2</sup>Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1945; . . . <sup>F13</sup>

- (4) This section shall be construed as one with Part III of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1947 (which contains provisions as to the acquisition and disposal of land for planning purposes).
- (5) In relation to the acquisition of land under this section, and to any land acquired under this section or appropriated for any purpose for which land can be acquired under this section,—
- (a) section nineteen of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1945, and the enactments referred to in this section shall have effect as if any reference therein to a local planning authority included a reference to a receiving authority who are not a local planning authority; and
  - (b) subsection (2) of section eighteen of the said Act of 1945 shall have effect as if for any reference therein to the best use of land or to the proper planning of the area of the authority there were substituted a reference to the proper execution of the town development scheme.

#### Textual Amendments

**F11** S. 13(1)(b) and “and” repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1974 (c. 22), s. 1, **Sch. Pt. V**

**F12** Words repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1974 (c. 22), s. 1, **Sch. Pt. V**

**F13** Words repealed by Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1959 (c. 70), **Sch. 8**

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C1** S. 13 extended by Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1959 (c. 70), s. 50(4); modified by Land Compensation (Scotland) Act 1963 (c. 51), s. 17, **Sch. 2 para. 1(1)**

**C2** S. 13(1) extended by Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1959 (c. 70), s. 45(1)

#### Marginal Citations

**M1** 1947 c. 42.

**M2** 1945 c. 33.

14 ..... <sup>F14</sup>

#### Textual Amendments

**F14** S. 14 repealed by S.I. 1986/672, arts. 2, 3, **Sch. 1**

### General

## 15 Extension of powers for the purposes of overspill agreements or town development schemes.

- (1) For the purposes of executing any overspill agreement or town development scheme the receiving authority or development corporation may—

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- (a) take, whether within or outside their district, any action which, apart from this section, they could lawfully take if it were for the benefit of their district, notwithstanding that it is not, or may not be, for the benefit thereof, and
- (b) appoint the exporting authority to act as their agents for the purpose of taking any action relating to the functions of the receiving authority or corporation under the agreement or scheme;

and any exporting authority appointed as mentioned in paragraph (b) of this section may themselves incur expenditure in taking any action to which the appointment relates and shall defray any expenditure so incurred as if it were incurred within and for the benefit of their own district.

<sup>F15</sup>(2) .....

- (3) In this section any reference to action relating to the functions of the receiving authority or development corporation under any overspill agreement or town development scheme includes a reference to any survey or preparatory work required to determine the practicability of any proposed overspill agreement or town development scheme.

#### Textual Amendments

**F15** S. 15(2) repealed (25.6.2003) by [Water Industry \(Scotland\) Act 2002 Consequential Provisions\) Order 2003 \(S.S.I. 2003/331\)](#), art. 1, [Sch. para. 2\(3\)](#)

## 16 Provision for failure to carry out duties under overspill agreements or town development schemes.

- (1) If a complaint is made to the Secretary of State that any local <sup>F16</sup>... authority have failed to do properly anything which they are required to do by any overspill agreement or town development scheme, or if the Secretary of State is of opinion that an investigation should be made as to whether any such authority have so failed, he may cause a local inquiry to be held into the matter.
- (2) If after such a local inquiry the Secretary of State is satisfied that there has been such a failure on the part of the authority in question, he may, after giving the authority an opportunity of making representations, make an order declaring the authority to be in default and requiring them for the purpose of remedying the default to take within such period as may be specified in the order such action as may be so specified.
- (3) If the authority declared to be in default by such an order fail to comply with any requirement thereof within the period specified therein for compliance with that requirement the Secretary of State may—
  - (a) himself take, or cause to be taken, the action to which the requirement relates, or
  - (b) make an application to the Court of Session under section ninety-one of the <sup>M3</sup>Court of Session Act, 1868, which section shall have effect as if the said action were a statutory duty of the authority.
- (4) Section one hundred and seventy of the principal Act (which relates to the exercise by the Secretary of State of powers of a local authority) shall apply—

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- (a) to any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in taking action, or causing action to be taken, by virtue of this section, as it applies to the expenses referred to in that section, and
  - (b) to any property, debts or liabilities acquired or incurred by him by virtue of this section, as it applies to the property, debts and liabilities referred to in that section.
- (5) Section [<sup>F17</sup>210 of the <sup>M4</sup>Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973] (which contains provisions as to local inquiries) shall apply to any local inquiry held under this section.
- [<sup>F18</sup>(5A) This section shall apply in relation to Scottish Water as it applies in relation to a local authority.]
- (6) This section shall be without prejudice to any other enactment, or any provision in any agreement, under which the performance of the duties mentioned in this section may be enforced.

#### Textual Amendments

- F16** Words in s. 16(1) repealed (25.6.2003) by [Water Industry \(Scotland\) Act 2002 Consequential Provisions\) Order 2003 \(S.S.I. 2003/331\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. para. 2(4)(a)**
- F17** Words substituted by [Local Government \(Scotland\) Act 1973 \(c. 65\)](#), s. 238(2), **Sch. 12 para. 3**
- F18** [S. 16\(5A\)](#) inserted (25.6.2003) by [Water Industry \(Scotland\) Act 2002 Consequential Provisions\) Order 2003 \(S.S.I. 2003/331\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. para. 2(4)(b)**

#### Marginal Citations

- M3** 1868 c. 100.
- M4** 1973 c. 65.

### 17 Modification of s. 18(5) of 8 & 9 Geo. 6. c. 33 in relation to exporting authorities.

Where by subsection (5) of section eighteen of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1945, a local planning authority, being an exporting authority, in exercising their power under that section of disposing of land comprised in an area defined by a development plan as an area of comprehensive development, and the Secretary of State in exercising his power of consenting to such disposal, are obliged to secure to any person so far as may be practicable an opportunity to obtain accommodation on that land, the obligation shall be treated as discharged if there is afforded to the person an opportunity to obtain, on land in, or in the vicinity of and readily accessible to, an area where housing accommodation has been, or is being, provided in pursuance of any such arrangements as are mentioned in subsection (1) of section eight of this Act (being arrangements to which the said local planning authority are a party), accommodation suitable to his reasonable requirements on terms such as are mentioned in the said subsection (5).

### 18 Saving for necessity to obtain planning permission for development for the purposes of Part II.

Nothing in this Part of this Act or in any authorisation given thereunder shall be taken to authorise the carrying out of any development not authorised by planning permission granted or deemed to have been granted under the <sup>M5</sup>Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act, 1947.



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**M5** 1947 c. 53.

### 19 Interpretation of Part II.

- (1) In this Part of, and in the Second Schedule to, this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively, that is to say—

“functions” includes powers and duties;

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“overspill agreement” has the meaning assigned to it by subsection (1) of section nine of this Act;

“sewerage service” includes sewage disposal service;

“town development scheme” has the meaning assigned to it by subsection (1) of section ten of this Act.

- (2) In this Part of, and in the Second Schedule to, this Act—

- (a) any reference to water supply includes a reference to the supply of water in bulk under section nineteen of the Water (Scotland) Act, 1946;
- (b) any reference to the district of a development corporation shall be construed as a reference to the area designated under the <sup>M6</sup>New Towns Act, 1946, as the site of the new town for the purposes of which the development corporation has been established.

#### Textual Amendments

**F19** Words in s. 19(1) repealed (25.6.2003) by [Water Industry \(Scotland\) Act 2002 Consequential Provisions\) Order 2003 \(S.S.I. 2003/331\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. para. 2(5)**

#### Marginal Citations

**M6** 1946 c. 68.

## PART III

### MISCELLANEOUS MODIFICATIONS OF PRINCIPAL ACT

**20** ..... **F20**

#### Textual Amendments

**F20** Ss. 20, 22, Sch. 1 Pt. I para. 1, Pt. II para. 7 repealed by [Housing \(Scotland\) Act 1966 \(c. 49\)](#), **Sch. 10 Pt. I**

**21** ..... **F21**



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#### Textual Amendments

**F21** S. 21, Sch. 1 Pt. I paras. 5, 6, Pt. II paras. 8, 10–12 repealed by [Housing \(Financial Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Act 1968 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 70, **Sch. 10**

**22** ..... **F22**

#### Textual Amendments

**F22** Ss. 20, 22, Sch. 1 Pt. I para. 1, Pt. II para. 7 repealed by [Housing \(Scotland\) Act 1966 \(c. 49\)](#), **Sch. 10 Pt. I**

**23** ..... **F23**

#### Textual Amendments

**F23** Ss. 1—7, 23, Sch. 1 Pt. I paras. 2, 3 repealed with saving by [Housing \(Financial Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Act 1972 \(c. 46\)](#), s. 79(3), **Sch. 11 Pt. III**

### **24 Minor modifications of principal Act.**

The principal Act shall have effect subject to the modifications specified in Part II of the First Schedule to this Act, being modifications of a minor character.

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C3** The text of s. 24, Sch. 1 Pt. II para. 9 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

## **PART IV**

### **MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTAL**

**25** ..... **F24**

#### Textual Amendments

**F24** S. 25 repealed by [Local Employment Act 1960 \(c. 18\)](#), **Sch. 3**

### **26 Financial provisions.**

(1) There shall be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament—

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- (a) all sums payable by the Secretary of State under this Act; and
  - (b) any increase attributable to the provisions of this Act in the sums required or authorised under any other Act to be so defrayed.
- (2) Any receipts of the Secretary of State under this Act shall be paid into the Exchequer.

## 27 Interpretation.

- (1) This Act shall be construed as one with the principal Act, and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision, any reference in the principal Act . . . <sup>F25</sup> to—
- (a) any enactment contained in the principal Act which is amended by this Act shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as so amended, and
  - (b) an Exchequer contribution payable under Part VI of the principal Act shall be construed as including a reference to an Exchequer contribution payable under Part I of this Act.
- (2) In this Act the expression “principal Act” means the <sup>M7</sup>Housing (Scotland) Act, 1950.
- (3) Any reference in this Act to a provision of the principal Act shall include a reference to the corresponding provision of any enactment repealed by that Act.
- (4) Any reference in this Act to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended, extended or applied by any subsequent enactment, including this Act.
- (5) Any provision of this Act containing a reference to the sixteenth day of May shall, in its application to a local authority whose financial year begins on a day other than the sixteenth day of May, have effect with the substitution for the said reference of a reference to that other day.

### Textual Amendments

**F25** Words repealed by [Housing \(Financial Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Act 1968 \(c. 31\), s. 70, Sch. 10](#)

### Marginal Citations

**M7** [1950 c. 34.](#)

## 28 Citation, repeals and extent.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Housing and Town Development (Scotland) Act, 1957; and this Act and the <sup>M8</sup>Housing (Scotland) Acts, 1950 and 1952 and Part I (and Part III so far as relating to Part I) of the <sup>M9</sup>Housing (Repairs and Rents) (Scotland) Act, 1954 may be cited together as the Housing (Scotland) Acts, 1950 to 1957.
- (2) . . . . . <sup>F26</sup>
- (3) This Act shall extend to Scotland only.

### Textual Amendments

**F26** [Ss. 9\(8\), 28\(2\), Sch. 3](#) repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1974 \(c. 22\), s. 1, Sch. Pt. V](#)

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**M8** 1952 c. 63.

**M9** 1954 c. 50.

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