

**CHAPTER xii.**

An Act to make provision with regard to the audit of the accounts of the mayor aldermen and burgesses of the borough of Walthamstow and their officers and for other purposes.

A.D. 1931.

[27th March 1931.]

WHEREAS the borough of Walthamstow in the county of Essex is a municipal borough subject to the Municipal Corporations Acts and is under the local government of the mayor aldermen and burgesses of the borough acting by the council (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation"):

And whereas it is expedient that the provisions contained in this Act with regard to the audit of the accounts of the Corporation and their officers should be made:

And whereas it is expedient that the other provisions contained in this Act should be made:

And whereas the purposes of this Act cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament:

And whereas in relation to the promotion of the Bill for this Act the requirements of the Borough Funds Acts 1872 to 1903 have been observed:

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the King's most

[Ch. xii.] *Walthamstow Corporation* [21 GEO. 5.]
Act, 1931.

A.D. 1931. Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent
— of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons
in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority
of the same as follows (that is to say) :—

Short title. 1. This Act may be cited as the Walthamstow
Corporation Act 1931.

Inter- 2. In this Act unless the subject or context other-
pretation. wise requires—

“ the borough ” means the borough of Walthamstow ;
and

“ the Corporation ” means the mayor aldermen
and burgesses of the borough acting by the
council of the borough.

Audit of
accounts.

3.—(1) As from the first day of April one thousand
nine hundred and thirty sections 25 26 and 27 of the
Municipal Corporations Act 1882 and section 246 of the
Public Health Act 1875 shall cease and shall be deemed
to have ceased to apply to any accounts of the Corpora-
tion or of the treasurer of the borough or of the officers
of the Corporation and all accounts of the Corporation
and of the treasurer and the officers of the Corporation
under any public or private Act of Parliament or other-
wise relating to matters dealt with by the Corporation
in any capacity and including the accounts of any joint
committee appointed by the Corporation with the council
of any county borough or district or any parish council
and of the officers of any such joint committee shall be
audited by a district auditor appointed by the Minister
of Health in like manner as accounts of an urban authority
and their officers are audited under sections 247 and 250
of the Public Health Act 1875 and those sections and
all enactments amending them or applying to audit by
district auditors including the enactments imposing
penalties and providing for the recovery of sums as well
as all enactments relating to matters incidental to or
consequential upon any such accounts or audit shall apply
in like manner as if so far as they relate to an audit of the
accounts of an urban authority and the officers of that
authority they were herein re-enacted with the necessary
modifications and accordingly all burgesses of the borough

and all ratepayers and owners of property in the borough shall have the like rights and there shall be the same appeal as in the case of that audit. A.D. 1931.

(2) The Corporation may out of the general rate fund of the borough—

- (a) pay reasonable subscriptions whether annual or otherwise to the funds of any association of municipal corporations or other local authorities or their officers formed for the purpose of consultation as to their common interests and the discussion of matters relating to local government and any reasonable expenses of the attendance of any members or officers of the Corporation not exceeding in any case four at conferences or meetings of the said associations or any of them and of purchasing the reports of the proceedings of any such conferences or meetings;
- (b) pay the reasonable expenses of the Corporation in providing public entertainments on the occasion of public ceremony or rejoicing and in the reception and entertainment of distinguished persons residing in or visiting the borough;
- (c) pay the reasonable expenses of the Corporation in connection with the presentation of the freedom of the borough to persons whom the Corporation may resolve to admit as honorary freemen;
- (d) pay the reasonable expenses in connection with the attendance of the members of the fire brigade of the Corporation at meetings and competitions of fire brigades.

(3) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall apply to the audit of the accounts of the Corporation for the financial year ending the thirty-first day of March one thousand nine hundred and thirty.

4. All costs charges and expenses of and incidental to the preparing for obtaining and passing of this Act or otherwise in relation thereto as taxed by the taxing officer of the House of Lords or of the House of Commons Costs of Act.

A.D. 1931. shall be paid by the Corporation out of the general rate fund or the general rate of the borough or out of moneys to be borrowed for that purpose under and in accordance with the provisions of the Public Health Act 1875 and any moneys so borrowed shall be repaid within five years from the date of the passing of this Act and no sanction of the Minister of Health shall be required to such borrowing.

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