
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2000 No. 1095

**The Greater London Authority Act 1999 (Commencement
No. 6 and Preliminary Arrangements for the
Metropolitan Police Authority) Order 2000**

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (Commencement No. 6 and Preliminary Arrangements for the Metropolitan Police Authority) Order 2000, and shall come into force on 10th May 2000.

(2) In this Order—

- (a) “the 1999 Act” means the Greater London Authority Act 1999;
- (b) “the 1996 Act” means the Police Act 1996(1); and
- (c) “the operative date” means the date on which appointments to the Metropolitan Police Authority are first made under paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 2A to the 1996 Act (appointment of independent members)(2).

Preliminary financial arrangements

2.—(1) Arrangements in relation to the Metropolitan Police Authority as to any matter specified in the Schedule to this Order made before 3rd July 2000 by the chief finance officer shall have effect on and after that date as if made by that Authority until replaced or altered by that Authority.

(2) In this article “chief finance officer” means the person who is, by virtue of his appointment under section 407 of the 1999 Act, for the time being the chief finance officer of the Metropolitan Police Authority.

Preliminary standing orders

3.—(1) Standing orders for the first meeting of the Metropolitan Police Authority shall be prepared by the clerk to that Authority.

(2) The standing orders prepared in accordance with paragraph (1) shall provide for:

- (a) giving notice of the meeting;
- (b) preparation of the agenda for the meeting;
- (c) election of a chairman of the Metropolitan Police Authority;
- (d) declaration of the result of that election;
- (e) the meeting to be chaired by the clerk to that Authority until that result has been declared; and
- (f) preparation of minutes of the meeting.

(1) 1996 c. 16.

(2) Schedule 2A is inserted by section 310(2) of and Schedule 26 to the 1999 Act.

(3) Standing orders for the regulation of any business of the Metropolitan Police Authority which, by reason of the urgency of that business, the clerk to that Authority considers it to be necessary or expedient to transact on or before the date of the first meeting of that Authority shall be prepared by the clerk to that Authority.

(4) In this article “the clerk to that Authority” means the person who is, by virtue of his appointment under section 407 of the 1999 Act, for the time being clerk to the Metropolitan Police Authority.

Commencement

4.—(1) Section 127 of the 1999 Act(3) in its application to the Metropolitan Police Authority shall come into force on the operative date for the purposes only of articles 5 and 6 below.

(2) The following provisions of the 1999 Act, in so far as they are not already in force, shall come into force on the operative date for the purposes only of articles 5 and 6 below and for all other purposes shall come into force on 3rd July 2000:

- (a) section 310(4);
- (b) Schedule 26(5); and
- (c) paragraphs 62, 75 and 76 of Schedule 27.

First meeting of the Metropolitan Police Authority

5.—(1) The first meeting of the Metropolitan Police Authority may take place at any time after the operative date.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph 6(1) of Schedule 2A to the 1996 Act and notwithstanding paragraph 6A of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Act 1972(6) the first meeting of the Metropolitan Police Authority shall be regarded as that Authority’s annual meeting.

(3) If the first meeting takes place before 3rd July 2000, the provisions of article 6 below shall apply.

First meeting held before 3rd July 2000

6.—(1) Arrangements shall be made by the clerk to the Metropolitan Police Authority for the public and the press to be admitted to the meeting.

(2) No business shall be transacted at the meeting unless at least one quarter of the whole number of members of the Metropolitan Police Authority are present.

(3) Arrangements may be made by the clerk to the Metropolitan Police Authority for the exclusion of a member of that Authority from the meeting while any contract, proposed contract, or other matter in which he has a pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, is under consideration.

(4) Arrangements may be made at the meeting as to the matters specified in the Schedule to this Order.

(5) In addition to the matters specified in the Schedule to this Order the following powers may be exercised at the first meeting:

- (a) the designation of a monitoring officer for the Metropolitan Police Authority in accordance with section 5(1) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989(7);

(3) Section 127 was commenced in its application to the Greater London Authority on 8th May 2000 and in so far as not already in force on 3rd July 2000 by S.I.1999/3434.

(4) Section 310 was commenced for certain purposes only on 1st January 2000 by S.I. 1999/3271.

(5) Schedule 26 was commenced for certain purposes only on 1st January 2000 by S.I. 1999/3271.

(6) 1972 c. 70.

(7) 1989 c. 42; section 5(1) is amended by paragraph 62 of Schedule 27 to the 1999 Act.

- (b) the appointment of a clerk to the Metropolitan Police Authority in accordance with section 16 of the 1996 Act⁽⁸⁾;
 - (c) the appointment of a chief finance officer to the Metropolitan Police Authority in accordance with section 127(2) of the 1999 Act;
 - (d) the making of standing orders in accordance with paragraph 42 of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Act 1972;
 - (e) the making of delegations in accordance with section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- (6) Arrangements made or powers exercised in pursuance of this article shall be regarded as being made or exercised by the Metropolitan Police Authority.
- (7) In paragraphs (1) and (3) of this article “the clerk to the Metropolitan Police Authority” means the person who is, by virtue of his appointment under section 407 of the 1999 Act, for the time being the clerk to that Authority.

Payment of expenses and allowances

7. The Metropolitan Police Authority may make payments by way of reimbursement of expenses and allowances to members in accordance with paragraph 20 of Schedule 2A to the 1996 Act from the date of their appointment.

Term of appointment

8. In determining the period of a term of years for the purposes of paragraph 11 of Schedule 2A to the 1996 Act (term of appointment), any period prior to 3rd July 2000 shall be disregarded.

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⁽⁸⁾ Section 16 is amended by paragraph 75 of Schedule 27 to the 1999 Act.