

Town Councils (Dissolution of Various Town Councils) Order 2001

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TOWN COUNCILS ACT (CHAPTER 329A)

TOWN COUNCILS (DISSOLUTION OF VARIOUS TOWN COUNCILS) ORDER 2001

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 55(1) and (3) of the Town Councils Act, the Minister for National Development hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Town Councils (Dissolution of Various Town Councils) Order 2001 and shall come into operation on 13th November 2001.

Dissolution of Town Councils

2. The following Town Councils (each referred to in this Order as a dissolved Town Council) are dissolved:

- (a) the Town Council for the former Town of Bukit Timah;
- (b) the Town Council for the former Town of Cheng San;
- (c) the Town Council for the former Town of City Centre;
- (d) the Town Council for the former Town of Pasir Ris; and
- (e) the Town Council for the former Town of Tanjong Pagar-West Coast.

By-laws of former Town Councils

3. Notwithstanding the dissolution of the Town Councils for the former Towns under paragraph 2, all by-laws made under the Act by each of the dissolved Town Councils in relation to conservancy and service charges (including penalties and administrative fees for the late payment thereof) shall continue in force, with the necessary modifications, for any area of its former Town as if this Order had not been made for such period until the succeeding Town Council for that area makes such by-laws for that area (whether or not including other areas) or until 31st January 2002, whichever period first expires.

Certification of financial statements

4. The chairman of every dissolved Town Council shall without delay cause to be prepared and certify financial statements showing the moneys, assets and liabilities of the dissolved Town Council as at 12th November 2001 and shall also certify the Statement of Transferable Surpluses after it has been prepared in accordance with rule 4A of the Town Councils Financial Rules (R 1).

Incidental and consequential provisions

5.—(1) The incidental and consequential provisions in the Schedule shall have effect on 13th November 2001 in respect of the dissolved Town Councils specified therein.

(2) If any question arises as to whether any particular property, right or liability has been transferred from a dissolved Town Council to another Town Council or vested in another Town Council, a certificate under the hand of the Minister shall be conclusive evidence that the property, right or liability was or was not so transferred or vested.

Definitions

6. For the purposes of this Order —

“constituency” means an electoral division specified in the Parliamentary Elections (Names and Polling Districts of Electoral Divisions) Notification 2001 (G.N. No. S 521/2001);

“succeeding Town Council”, in relation to a dissolved Town Council of a former Town and any area thereof, means any Town Council specified in the Schedule as succeeding to the property, rights and liabilities of the dissolved Town Council relating to or connected with that area.

THE SCHEDULE

Paragraphs 5(1) and 6

INCIDENTAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS

PART I

BUKIT TIMAH TOWN COUNCIL

1. All the property, rights and liabilities comprised in the undertaking of the dissolved Town Council for the former Town of Bukit Timah to which that Town Council was entitled or subject immediately before 13th November 2001 shall become, by virtue of this Order and without further assurance —

- (a) the property, rights and liabilities of the Town Council for the Town of Holland-Bukit Panjang where such property, rights and liabilities related to or were connected with any area of the former Town now comprised in the constituency of Holland-Bukit Panjang;
- (b) the property, rights and liabilities of the Town Council for the Town of Hong Kah where such property, rights and liabilities related to or were connected with any area of the former Town now comprised in the constituency of Chua Chu Kang or Hong Kah;
- (c) the property, rights and liabilities of the Town Council for the Town of Jurong where such property, rights and liabilities related to or were connected with any area of the former Town now comprised in the constituency of Bukit Timah or Jurong; and
- (d) the property, rights and liabilities of the Town Council for the Town of West Coast-Ayer Rajah where such property, rights and liabilities related to or were connected with any area of the former Town now comprised in the constituency of Ayer Rajah or West Coast.

2. All deeds, agreements, instruments and working arrangements subsisting immediately before 13th November 2001 affecting the undertaking of the dissolved Town Council transferred to the Town Council for the Town of Holland-Bukit Panjang, Hong Kah, Jurong or West Coast-Ayer Rajah under this Order shall continue in force on and after that date and shall be enforceable by or against the Town Council for the Town of Holland-Bukit Panjang, Hong Kah, Jurong or West Coast-Ayer Rajah, as the case may be, as if, instead of the dissolved Town Council, the Town Council for the Town of Holland-Bukit Panjang, Hong Kah, Jurong or West Coast-Ayer Rajah, as the case may be, had been named therein or had been a party thereof.