Ulster Constabulary Pay Orders, 1950, and those Orders and this Order may be cited together as the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pay Orders, 1950 to 1951.

Dated this 5th day of July, 1951.

*Brian Maginess,*
Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.

I, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE J. MAYNARD SINCLAIR, Minister of Finance for Northern Ireland, hereby signify my concurrence in the foregoing Order.

Dated this 11th day of July, 1951.

*J. M. Sinclair,*
Minister of Finance for Northern Ireland.

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## Representative Body

RULES, DATED 25TH JULY, 1951, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER THE CONSTABULARY AND POLICE (IRELAND) ACT, 1919, AS APPLIED BY THE CONSTABULARY ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922.

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WHEREAS by section one of the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Act, 1919, as applied by the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, it is provided that for the purpose of enabling the members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary to consider and bring to the notice of the Inspector General and of the Minister of Home Affairs all the matters affecting their welfare and efficiency, other than questions of discipline and promotion affecting individuals, there shall be established in the Force in accordance with Rules made by the Minister of Home Affairs a representative body or bodies for all or each of the ranks below the rank of Deputy Inspector General consisting of representatives elected by the members of the ranks or rank represented from amongst their number in manner prescribed by those Rules.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE BRIAN MAGINESS, K.C., Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers vested in me by the said Acts and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, do hereby make the following Rules :—

### PART I

### COUNTY CONSULTATIVE BOARDS

Areas.

1. For the purposes of these Rules, the County Borough of Belfast and each County in Northern Ireland shall each constitute an "area".

Constitution.

**2.** There shall be established in each area a body to be known as "The County Consultative Board", hereinafter in these Rules referred to as "Board". Each such Board shall consist of one Head Constable and a number of Sergeants and a number of Constables each equivalent to the number of police Districts in the area. Members of Boards shall be elected in the manner prescribed in Rule 3.

Elections.

**3.**—(1) The Head Constables stationed in each area shall elect one of their number to be a member of the Board for the area.

(2) The Sergeants stationed in each police District shall elect one of their number to be a member of the Board for the area in which the District is situated.

(3) The Constables stationed in each police District shall elect one of their number to be a member of the Board for the area in which the District is situated.

(4) Each candidate for election shall be nominated and seconded by persons of the same rank who will sign the printed nomination form.

(5) Nominations for election to the Board for the County Borough of Belfast shall be lodged with the Commissioner, Belfast, hereinafter in these Rules referred to as the Commissioner, and nominations for election to the Boards for other areas shall be lodged with the County Inspector for the area at least ten clear days before the date of the election.

(6) The Commissioner or the County Inspector, as the case may be, shall on receiving the nominations prepare a list for each rank, containing the rank, surname, Christian name and station of each candidate, and the names of the Proposer and Seconder, and shall cause such lists to be exhibited at each police station in his area at which men of similar rank are stationed, not less than three clear days before the date of the election.

(7) On the day of the election each member of the rank represented on the Board shall vote for the candidate of his own rank whom he prefers by writing the name and Registered Number of such candidate on the voting paper supplied. He shall then place the voting paper in an envelope, seal the envelope, write his own name and rank on the back thereof and lodge the sealed envelope with the person in charge of the station. Polling shall be from eight o'clock in the forenoon until half past eight o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

(8) As soon as possible after the close of the poll, but not later than the following day, the envelopes containing the votes shall be forwarded by the person in charge of the station in a sealed packet to the District Inspector of the District, who, without delay or loss of post, will forward such packets (unopened) in a sealed parcel to the County Inspector of his County or to the Commissioner, as the case may require, who will then proceed to count the votes recorded in the presence of scrutineers appointed from the Headquarters Station, one for each rank represented on the Board.

(9) On the completion of the counting of the votes the Commissioner or the County Inspector shall, in the presence of the scrutineers, add together the number of the votes recorded for each candidate standing for election for his area and for each police District in his area and shall declare elected those candidates who have the higher or highest number of votes.

(10) Where an equality of votes is found to exist between competing candidates, and the addition of a vote would enable any of such candidates to be declared elected, the senior of the candidates whose votes are equal shall be declared elected.

(11) No person shall control, direct or influence or in any other way interfere with or cause to be controlled, directed or influenced or interfered with, the nomination or election of a candidate.

(12) The Commissioner or County Inspector shall, as soon as practicable after the result of the poll, cause the names of the candidates and the number of votes recorded for each candidate to be circulated to each police station in his area and to the Inspector General.

(13) A member absent for any reason from the area or police District in which he is stationed shall be entitled to vote for a representative for that area or district only, and it shall be his responsibility to have his vote recorded as provided in the preceding paragraphs of this Rule and lodged with the District Inspector of the District in which he is stationed before the closing of the poll, provided, however, that his vote may be dispatched to such District Inspector before the opening of the poll if it is enclosed in a second covering envelope.

(14) On the completion of the count the Commissioner or County Inspector shall, in the presence of the scrutineers, place the voting papers in an envelope or envelopes, seal the envelope or envelopes and retain them for a period of twenty-eight days and then cause them to be destroyed.

**4.** A Board shall — Functions.

(*a*) ascertain the views of members of the ranks represented on the Board who are stationed in the area for which the Board is established on matters affecting their welfare and efficiency other than questions of discipline and promotion affecting individuals ;

(*b*) decide, having regard to such views what matters or questions it shall seek to put forward for discussion by the Central Representative Body ;

(*c*) elect members of the ranks represented on the Board to serve on the Central Representative Body as hereafter provided in Part II of these Rules, and notify the Inspector General and Commissioner or County Inspector of the names of those so elected ;

(*d*) arrange with the Secretary of the Central Representative Body the agenda of the meetings of that Body on matters affecting the ranks represented on the Board ;

(*e*) consider such other matters as may from time to time be referred to it by the Inspector General.

Chairman and Secretary.

**5.** The Head Constable elected to serve on a Board shall be the Chairman of that Board. Each Board shall choose its Secretary from amongst its members, and notify the Commissioner or County Inspector of the name of the member so chosen. Where there is disagreement between members of a Board on any matter under consideration the question at issue shall be decided by vote and in the event of there being equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

Resignations, transfers, etc., of members.

**6.** A member of a Board shall cease to be a member of that Board on leaving the Force, on changing his rank, on resignation from the Board or on his transfer (in the case of a Head Constable) to another area or (in the case of a Sergeant or Constable) to another police District, and any vacancy on a Board so arising shall be filled, if the vacancy is for a Head Constable, by co-opting a Head Constable who is stationed in the area for which the Board is established or if the vacancy is for a Sergeant or Constable, by co-opting a Sergeant or Constable who is stationed in the police District in which the former member of the Board was stationed. The names of any members so co-opted shall be notified to the Inspector General and Commissioner or County Inspector. In the event of a police District being abolished, the Sergeant and the Constable representing that District on the Board established for the area in which the District is situated, shall cease to be members of the Board.

Meetings.

**7.** The first elections of members of Boards shall be held in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-one in the month of October and every third year thereafter in the month of October. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election. The annual meeting of Boards shall be held in the month of December at such times and places as the Commissioner or County Inspector may determine. Meetings for special purposes shall be held as occasion requires and on such dates and at such places as the Inspector General may determine.

## PART II

### CENTRAL REPRESENTATIVE BODY

Joint areas.

**8.** For the purposes of this part of these Rules, the Counties of Northern Ireland shall be grouped as follows :—

(*a*) County Antrim and County Londonderry (including the County Borough of Londonderry) ;

(*b*) County Armagh and County Down ;

(*c*) County Tyrone and County Fermanagh ;

and each group shall constitute a " joint area ".