18. This Order shall come into force on the first day of June, 1947. Commencement.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of May, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-seven, in the presence of

(L.S.) *J. B. O'Neill,*
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE

PART I

THE AREAS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES WHICH ARE COMBINED TO FORM THE NORTHERN FIRE DISTRICT

Ballymena, Coleraine and Larne Boroughs; Ballycastle, Ballyclare, Ballymoney, Carrickfergus, Portrush, Portstewart and Whitehead Urban Districts; and Antrim, Ballycastle, Ballymena, Ballymoney, Coleraine, Larne and Magherafelt Rural Districts.

PART II

CONSTITUTION OF JOINT COMMITTEE TO BE CALLED THE NORTHERN FIRE AUTHORITY

Local Authorities	*Number of Members of Joint Committee to be appointed by each*
Ballymena Borough Council	Two
Coleraine Borough Council	Two
Larne Borough Council	Two
Portrush Urban District Council	Two

ORDER, DATED 23RD MAY, 1947, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION ONE OF THE FIRE SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947.

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The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, by virtue of and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section one of the Fire Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Fire Services (Southern Fire District and Fire Authority) Order (Northern Ireland), 1947. Citation and Interpretation.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

(3) In this Order except where the contrary intention appears—

" the Act " means the Fire Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1947;

" the Ministry " means the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland ;

the expression " local authority " has the same meaning as in the Act ;

the expression " local authority election year " has the same meaning as is assigned to the expression " election year " (in relation to local government elections) in sub-section (4) of section thirteen of the Elections and Franchise Act (Northern Ireland), 1946.

Formation of Fire District.

2. The areas of the local authorities named in Part I of the Schedule to this Order shall be combined to form a fire district to be called the Southern Fire District.

Designation of Fire Authority.

3. The fire authority for the Southern Fire District shall be a joint committee (to be called the Southern Fire Authority) of the local authorities named in Part II of the Schedule to this Order.

Functions of Joint Committee.

4. The functions of the joint committee designated as the Southern Fire Authority (in this Order referred to as " the joint committee ") shall be to perform for the Southern Fire District the duties imposed upon, and to exercise in relation to that Fire District the powers conferred upon, a fire authority by or under the Act and shall include the provision of offices and the appointment of officers as provided in this Order.

Qualifications of Members.

5.—(1) The members of the joint committee shall be duly elected members of the respective local authorities by which they are appointed to serve on the joint committee.

(2) The provisions of Article 12 of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, in so far as they relate to members of a district council, and the provisions of paragraph (6) of Article 36 of the said Schedule shall, with the necessary modifications, apply to members of the joint committee.

Appointment of Members.

6. The number of members to be appointed by each of the local authorities constituting the joint committee shall be as is shown against its name in Part II of the Schedule to this Order.

7. The mode of appointment of members of the joint committee by any of the local authorities constituting that committee shall be by resolution of a duly constituted meeting of the authority.

8.—(1) The first appointment of members of the joint committee shall take place at a meeting of each local authority concerned to be held on or before such date as shall be fixed by the Ministry.