



Valuation Tribunal Users' Group

Minutes of the Meeting held at Black Lion House on 13 November 2013

Present:	Professor Graham Zellick QC (Chairman)	VTE
	Jon Bestow	VTE
	Anne Galbraith	VTS
	Tony Masella	VTS
	Lee Anderson	VTS
	Mark Higgin	RICS
	Blake Penfold	RICS
	John Elcox	RSA
	Andrew Hetherton	RSA
	Richard Guy	IRRV
	Jerry Schurder	IRRV
	Peter Scrafton	IRRV
	Michael Pearce	VOA
	Mary Hardman	VOA

1 Apologies for absence

- 1.1 Louise Freeth IRRV, Donald Scannell (Lands Chamber, Upper Tribunal), Martin McTague, Peter O'Connell (Federation of Small Businesses), Carla-Maria Heath (LGA) and Siobhan McGrath (FTT Property Chamber) tendered their apologies.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2013

- 2.1 The minutes were confirmed.
- 2.2 No matters were raised.

3 Unauthorised disclosure of draft Practice Statements.

- 3.1 The President reminded members that there were dangers in circulating draft Practice Statements which were likely to be amended, perhaps substantially. He asked that drafts not be circulated without agreement, apart from confidential circulation within members' own organisations.

4. VTE/PS/A7-2: NDR (Rating List 2010): Disclosure and Exchange (draft 8)

4.1 A number of points were made. The President agreed to limit Reasons for Assessment to disputes about the original valuation.

- Draft revised explanatory commentary

4.2 The President asked the VOA representatives to look carefully at the draft explanatory commentary put forward by the private practitioners. He suggested that the commentary should not be discussed in detail until the Practice Statement was finalised.

- Date of introduction

4.3 The President decided to aim for 1 June 2014 implementation to apply to everything listed after that date unless a Statement of Case had already been submitted.

- To which pending appeals would it apply?

4.4 The President agreed to give further thought to whether postponed, adjourned, stayed and reinstated appeals should be considered under A7-1 or A7-2.

5 Revised Practice Statements (amended following the last circulation)

- VTE/PS/A7:-1: *NDR (Rating List 2010): Disclosure and Exchange* (revised draft 3) and covering note.
- VTE/PS/A8: *Sending and Delivering Documents* (revised draft 3)
- VTE/PS/C3: *Publication of Decisions* (revised draft 4)

5.1 The drafts were noted and several points would be considered by the President.

6 Are Statements of Case public documents?

6.1 The President would circulate the VOA's legal opinion for discussion at the next meeting.

7 Any other business

7.1 Mr Anderson responded to a number of questions concerning the statistics.

7.2 Mr Anderson explained that the administration of Tribunal Area 6 would

move from Whitechapel to Doncaster during November. He confirmed that this would not impact on hearings. In the short term, any correspondence sent to Whitechapel would be forwarded to Doncaster.

8 Date of next meeting

8.1 Members would be consulted about the date of the next meeting which should be before the end of December.

27 January 2014

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President