

# CONSOLIDATED PRACTICE STATEMENT

## FOR THE VTE 2017

AMENDMENTS 1 JULY 2017

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This paper highlights the main changes to the above document which is effective from 1 July 2017. It does not form part of the Practice Statements and should not be read as a definitive view as to how they will operate, rather as a means to identify the changes. There are also a number of clerical changes which are not highlighted below:

#### PS1 Extensions of time for making appeals, changes at:

Paragraph 2 to add 2017 Rating List appeals;

Paragraphs 4 and 7 to clarify that any senior member can consider applications.

#### PS2 Non-domestic rating appeals, changes at:

(b) to insert tribunal orders and directions in respect of 2017 Rating List appeals.

#### PS3 Complex Cases, changes at:

Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 for applications to initially be made to Team Leaders rather than the Registrar.

Paragraph 7 makes provision for appeals to be dismissed where a party fails to comply with a Direction.

#### PS5 Decisions without a hearing (not 2017 or later Rating List Appeals), changes:

In the header to clarify that this process does not cover 2017 Rating List appeals where the hearing bundle is deposited with the appeal;

At paragraph 9 in that an appeal may be dismissed where a party fails to comply with a Direction.

#### PS6 Council tax reduction appeals, changes at:

Paragraph 10 to clarify that appeals where parties have been awarded the maximum amount under an Authority's Scheme or where a recalculation of CTR has led to an 'overpayment' are to be treated as outside the Tribunal's jurisdiction and staff can issue strike out notices.

#### PS8 Model Procedure, changes at:

Paragraph 4 to reflect that in all appeals the hearing bundle is issued in advance and that parties should not overrun their allotted time or address irrelevant matters;

Paragraph 10 to empower chairman can identify in opening proceedings the matters the panel wish the parties to concentrate on.

PS10 Statement of Reasons, changes at

Paragraph 1 to confirm reasons should be brief;

Removal of paragraph 2 as advice about brief reasons is contained within Guidance Notes.

PS11 Disclosure in all completion notice (NDR and CT) and council tax appeals, changes:

In the headings to clarify that this section also applies to all completion notice appeals (including NDR).

PS12 Private or closed hearings, changes at:

Paragraphs 6, 8 and 17 to reflect that senior members can consider applications.