

THE HIGHLAND & WESTERN ISLES
VALUATION APPEAL COMMITTEE

Inverness, 13 May 2021

Alastair Beattie (Chairman)
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Donald M MacKenzie, Secretary

ARRANGEMENTS FOR RESUMPTION OF “IN PERSON” HEARINGS

The Committee considered the resumption of “in person” hearings upon the relaxation of the COVID 19 pandemic restrictions. To assist in the smooth running of business, the Committee resolved as follows:-

1. By reason of the continuing public health risk posed by COVID 19 and the wish to reduce to a minimum the number of persons gathered in indoor places, for the time being, and until further notice, persons other than the parties, their witnesses, agents and Counsel involved in the particular case currently being heard by a Committee, shall not be admitted to the hearing room.
2. No later than six working days prior to the hearing date, in order that the parties can be called into the hearing room when the Committee is ready to hear their case, there shall be supplied to the Secretary a mobile telephone number upon which each party attending can be contacted.
3. No later than four working days prior to the hearing date, the Secretary shall circulate to the parties expected to be in attendance a copy of the COVID 19 protocols then in force at the particular hearing venue.

4. Not later than five working days prior to the hearing date, parties shall lodge with the Secretary copies of all precognitions, productions and legal authorities upon which they intend to rely at the hearing in order that arrangements can be made for them to be circulated to members of the Committee in a manner which minimises infection risk.
5. When parties, their witnesses, agent or Counsel are unable to travel to the hearing venue to participate in person due to the COVID 19 pandemic restrictions in force in their home area the Secretary should be advised not later than five working days in advance of the hearing in order that alternative arrangements might be made whereby the hearing proceeds remotely by video conference link or the appeal is continued to a later date.



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Alastair G Beattie, Chairman

26 May 2021

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Date of Signature