
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2012 No. 180

The Homeowner Housing Panel (Applications and Decisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2012

PART 3

Process of the application

Action by the committee

Directions

13.—(1) Except as otherwise provided for in these Regulations, the committee may at any time either on their own initiative, or on the application of any party, give directions to the parties relating to the conduct or progress of the proceedings.

(2) Directions may be given to any party but must be intimated to all parties and may be given orally or in writing.

(3) Directions of the committee may, in particular—

- (a) relate to any matter concerning the preparation for a hearing;
- (b) specify the length of time allowed for something to be done;
- (c) vary any time limit in directions previously given by the committee for anything to be done by a party;
- (d) provide for—
 - (i) a particular matter to be dealt with as a preliminary issue;
 - (ii) a party to provide further details of that party's case, or any other information or document which appears to be necessary for the determination of the application;
 - (iii) the witnesses, if any, to be heard;
 - (iv) the manner in which any evidence is to be given;
- (e) require any party to lodge and serve—
 - (i) a statement of any evidence which is to be given at a hearing;
 - (ii) a skeleton argument which summarises any submission which is to be made at a hearing and cites all the authorities which will be relied on, identifying any particular passages to be relied upon.

(4) When making directions the committee must take into account the ability of parties to comply with the directions.