### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2009 No. 2269

The Valuation Tribunal for England (Council Tax and Rating Appeals) (Procedure) Regulations 2009

## PART 2

## APPEALS: FUNCTIONS OF THE VTE AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### Representatives

- 13.—(1) A party may appoint a representative (whether a legal representative or not) to represent that party in the proceedings, but the representative must not be a member of the VTE or the VTS or an employee of the VTS.
- (2) If a party appoints a representative, that party (or the representative if the representative is a legal representative) must send or deliver to the VTE written notice of the representative's name and address unless the representative's name and address have already been given to the VO or, as the case may be, the LO.
- (3) If the VTE receives notice that a party has appointed a representative under paragraph (2), it must send a copy of that notice to each other party.
- (4) Anything permitted or required to be done by a party under these Regulations or a direction may be done by the representative of that party, except signing a witness statement.
  - (5) A person who receives due notice of the appointment of a representative—
    - (a) must provide to the representative any document which is required to be provided to the represented party, and need not provide that document to the represented party; and
    - (b) may assume that the representative is and remains authorised as such until they receive written notification that this is not so from the representative or the represented party.
- (6) At a hearing a party may be accompanied by another person, other than a member of the VTE or the VTS or an employee of the VTS, whose name and address has not been notified under paragraph (2); and that person may act as a representative or otherwise assist in presenting the party's case at the hearing.
- (7) Paragraphs (2) to (5) do not apply in relation to a person who accompanies a party under paragraph (6).