

**IN THE MATTER OF AN APPEAL TO THE FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL
(CHARITY)
GENERAL REGULATORY CHAMBER**

Appeal No: CA/2012/0001

BETWEEN:

ROGER THOMAS

Appellant

and

THE CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Respondent

DIRECTIONS

UPON READING the Notice of Appeal and the Response

AND UPON hearing from the parties at a telephone directions hearing on 26 June 2012

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Mode and length of hearing

1. The matter to be listed for an oral hearing to be heard on 8 October 2012 with a time estimate of 1 day. The venue is to be in London, details to be confirmed.

Agreed bundle of documents

2. The parties are to use their best endeavours to agree the contents of a bundle of documents and a list of issues to be considered in this appeal, in accordance with the arrangements set out below.
3. The first draft of the index to the hearing bundle and a list of issues to be determined by the Tribunal is to be prepared by the Respondent and served on the Appellant by 5pm on 17 August 2012.

4. By 5pm on 24 August 2012, the Appellant is to notify the Respondent whether (i) the draft list of issues is agreed and (ii) if there are any additional documents in his possession that he wishes to add to the bundle. The Appellant is to supply a copy of any documents to the Respondent if so requested.
5. A consolidated version of the bundle is to be prepared by the Respondent and forwarded to the Appellant by 5pm on 14 September 2012.

Witness statements

6. By 5pm on 28 August 2012 the parties are to exchange with each other any written witness statements on which they wish to rely or to confirm that they will not be calling witness evidence.
7. If following the exchange of primary witness statements either party decides to prepare statements from additional witnesses such statements should be exchanged by no later than 5pm on 7 September 2012.
8. The witness statements are to stand as evidence in chief at the hearing, although supplementary questions in chief may be asked with the permission of the Tribunal. No party is to call any witness in respect of whom a written statement has not been exchanged without the Tribunal's permission. Each party is to notify the other if they wish to cross examine any witness in respect of whom a statement has been filed by 5pm on 14 September 2012.
9. If witness statements refer to any documents in the bundle, the relevant page numbers of the relevant bundle are to be added to the statements and exchanged between the parties by 5pm on 28 September 2012.

Disclosure of bundles to the Tribunal

10. A final version of the hearing bundle, to include any witness statements and any exhibits, is to be prepared by the Respondent and four copies are to be lodged with the Tribunal by 5pm on 1 October 2012. A further copy is also to be brought by the Respondent to the hearing for use by witnesses (if any).

Skeleton arguments

11. Skeleton arguments are to be exchanged by the parties and lodged with the

Tribunal by e mail, by 5pm on 1 October 2012.

Bundle of authorities and statutory materials

12. The parties are to agree a bundle of authorities and statutory materials, which will be prepared by the Respondent, by 3 October 2012. The index to this bundle is to be sent by e mail to the Tribunal by 5pm on 3 October 2012 and three hard copies are to be lodged with the Tribunal at the hearing.

Other

13. The parties have permission to apply for further directions (including a ruling on the issues to be determined by the Tribunal, if not agreed) provided such application is in writing setting out the full reasons for the application and where applicable before the time limit for complying with the direction has been reached.

1 August 2012