



**IN THE FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL
GENERAL REGULATORY
CHAMBER (CHARITY)**

Appeal number: CA/2020/0009

BETWEEN:

**THE SIKH CHANNEL COMMUNITY BROADCASTING COMPANY
LIMITED**

Appellant

- AND -

THE CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Respondent

DIRECTIONS

UPON the Tribunal having received a Notice of Appeal on 29 April 2020;

AND UPON the Tribunal having held a telephone Case Management Hearing 18 June 2020;

AND UPON the Charity Commission having stated at the Case Management Hearing that they now consent to consideration without a hearing.

IT IS NOW DIRECTED AS FOLLOWS:

Mode of hearing

1. This matter will be decided on the papers.
2. The appeal will be determined on the first available date after **23 July 2020**.

Agreed bundle of documents

3. The parties are to use their best endeavours to agree the contents of a bundle of documents for the Tribunal paper consideration, in accordance with the arrangements set out below:

- 3.1. By **5 p.m. on 22 June 2020** the first draft of the index to the hearing bundle is to be prepared by the Respondent and served on the Appellant.
- 3.2. By **5 p.m. on 24 June 2020**, the Appellant is to notify the Respondent whether there are any additional documents in its possession that it wishes to add to the bundle or documents which the Appellant believes the Respondent is in possession of which should be included in the bundle. The Appellant is to supply a copy of any documents to the Respondent in pdf, word or other agreed format.
- 3.3. A consolidated version of the bundle is to be prepared by the Respondent and forwarded to the Appellant electronically by **5 p.m. on 26 June 2020**.

Witness statements

4. By **5 p.m. on 29 June 2020**, the Appellant is to serve on the Respondent and Tribunal any written witness statements on which it wishes to rely at the hearing or confirm that it will not be calling witness evidence. If a witness statement refers to any document in the hearing bundle, the relevant page number is to be used in the statement, this can be done by adding a note to the margin of the witness statement once the page numbers of the bundle are known.
5. By **5 p.m. on 8 July 2020**, the Respondent is to serve on the Appellant and Tribunal any written witness statements on which it wishes to rely at the hearing or to confirm that it will not be calling witness evidence.
6. By **5 p.m. on 13 July 2020**, the Appellant is to serve on the Respondent and Tribunal any Reply (which is optional) to the Respondent's witness statement.

Skeleton arguments

7. By **5 p.m. on 20 July 2020**, the parties are to exchange statements of case (skeleton argument) with each other and to send an electronic copy to the Tribunal. When referring to any documents in the hearing bundle, the relevant page number is to be used in the skeleton argument.

Bundle of authorities

8. Each party must serve with their skeleton argument an electronic bundle of the authorities they specifically refer to in their written submissions.
9. The Respondent is to prepare and serve a consolidated electronic version of the authorities bundle on the Appellant by **5 p.m. on 23 July 2020**.

Lodging of bundles with the Tribunal

10. A final version of the hearing bundle and the authorities bundle is to be prepared by the Respondent.
11. Electronic copy is to be lodged with the Tribunal by **5 p.m. on 23 July 2020**.
12. The parties must also provide to the Tribunal by **5 p.m. on 23 July 2020**:

- 12.1. A schedule of agreed facts;
- 12.2. A schedule of issues in dispute;
- 12.3. An agreed chronology.

Other

- 13. The parties have permission to apply to vary these directions or to apply for further directions 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.

Cooperation

- 14. The Parties are reminded that they are required by the overriding objective to cooperate with each other, and with the Tribunal, as confirmed by the Upper Tribunal in *Dorset Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust v MH [2009] UKUT 4 (AAC)*¹, (paragraph 13). This includes a requirement to liaise with each other concerning procedural matters; to identify and clarify issues; to agree a course of action; and to identify and agree any additional directions required, before they refer a matter to the Tribunal.

JUDGE REBECCA WORTH

DATED: 18 JUNE 2020

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