
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2009 No. 2269

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

PART 4

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE VTE

CHAPTER 2

Hearings and inspection of premises

Public and private hearings

31.—(1) Subject to the following paragraphs, all hearings must be held in public.

(2) The VTE or the VTE panel may give a direction that a hearing, or part of it, is to be held in private.

(3) Where a hearing, or part of it, is to be held in private, the VTE or the VTE panel may determine who is permitted to attend the hearing or part of it.

(4) Where the VTE or the VTE panel considers—

- (a) that the conduct of any person is likely to disrupt the hearing;
- (b) that the presence of any person is likely to prevent another person from giving evidence or making submissions freely; or
- (c) that the presence of any person is likely to defeat the purpose of the hearing,

the VTE or the VTE panel (as the case may be) may give a direction excluding the person from any hearing, or part of it.

(5) The VTE panel may give a direction excluding from any hearing, or part of it any person whose conduct the VTE panel considers is disrupting the hearing.

(6) The VTE or the VTE panel may give a direction excluding a witness from a hearing until that witness gives evidence.