

Practice Statement authorising Tribunal Caseworkers First-tier Tribunal Property Chamber to carry out functions of a judicial nature

- 1. The Senior President of Tribunals hereby approves that an appropriately trained member of staff appointed under section 40(1) of the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 or 2(1) of the Courts Act 2003 and designated as a 'Tribunal Caseworker' by the Chamber President, may carry out the functions of the Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (Property Chamber) Rules 2013 set out in paragraph 3 below.
- 2. A Tribunal Caseworker must have been authorised by the Chamber President to exercise the specified functions. All functions must be exercised under the supervision of a judge and in accordance with guidance issued by the Chamber President.
- 3. A Tribunal Caseworker may make all decisions that a judge assigned to the Residential Property jurisdictions may make under the Tribunal Procedure (First Tier Tribunal) (Property Chamber) Rules 2013 save those which the Chamber President excludes from time to time and those which are substantive final decisions.
- 4. In accordance with rule 5(3) of the Tribunal Procedure (First Tier Tribunal) (Property Chamber) Rules 2013, within 14 days after the date that the Tribunal sends notice of a decision made by a Tribunal Caseworker pursuant to an approval under paragraph 1 above that party may apply in writing to the Tribunal for the decision to be considered afresh by a judge.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Keith Lindblom

Vice President of Tribunals and Acting Senior President of Tribunals 9 September 2020