

HEARINGS – REPRESENTATIONS AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Members of the Panel may ask any question of any party or other person appearing at the hearing.
2. In considering any representations or notice made by a party, the Panel may take into account documentary or other information produced by a party in support of their application, representations or Notice, (as applicable), either before the hearing or, with the consent of all the other parties, at the hearing.

HEARINGS – CONSEQUENCES WHERE A PARTY DOES NOT ATTEND, OR IS NOT REPRESENTED AT A HEARING

- (1) If a party has informed the Authority that he does not intend to attend, or be represented at, a hearing, the hearing may proceed in his absence.
- (2) If a party who has not so indicated fails to attend, or be represented, at a hearing, the Authority may:
 - (a) where it considers it to be **necessary in the public interest**, adjourn the hearing to a specified date, or
 - (b) hold the hearing in the party's absence.
- (3) Where the Authority holds the hearing in the absence of a party, the Authority shall consider at the hearing, the application, representations or Notice made by that party.
- (4) Where the Authority adjourns the hearing to a specified date, it must, forthwith, notify the parties of the date, time and place to which the hearing has been adjourned