

(8) Any person heard by the Commissioner in connection with an appeal shall be deemed for the purposes of these regulations to be a party to that appeal.

(9) The Commissioner may if he thinks fit to hear two or more appeals together, but a party to one appeal shall not on that account be deemed to be a party to any other appeal.

(10) Any party to the appeal may appear in person or be represented by any other person whom he may have authorised to represent him.

(11) Any party to the appeal may produce to the Commissioner evidence additional to that before the Board, if he has served the Board and the other parties to the hearing before the Board with at least ten days notice of his intention to do so, setting forth the substance of the new evidence; and any witness giving new evidence before the Commissioner may be examined as to that new evidence by the other parties to the appeal.

(12) The Commissioner may, if he thinks fit, invite the Board to amplify or explain the reasons for their decision of the case. Any amplification or explanation of their reasons which the Board may furnish shall be in writing, and a copy of it shall be served by the Board on all the parties to the appeal.

(13) The Board shall furnish the Commissioner with a transcript of the record of any relevant hearing by them.

(14) The Commissioner shall send to the Minister a report containing a summary of the proceedings at the hearing, his recommendation to the Minister as to the disposal of the appeal and as to the liability of the parties thereto in respect of the costs or expenses thereof, together with the reasons for his recommendations.

(15) The Minister shall consider the summary and recommendations of the Commissioner and shall make such order as he thinks fit as to the application or proposal which is the subject of the appeal, and in particular may order the Board to hear or rehear the whole or part of the case. If the Minister does not accept the recommendations of the Commissioner, in whole or in part, he shall give his reasons for not so doing.

(16) (a) In determining an appeal other than an appeal which has been heard by a Commissioner in Scotland the Minister may, if he thinks fit, order any of the parties to the appeal to pay to any other party thereto either a specified sum in respect of the costs incurred by him in connection with the appeal, or the taxed amount of those costs.

(b) Any costs required by an order under the foregoing subparagraph to be taxed may be taxed in the county court on such scale as may be directed by the order.

(c) Any sum payable by virtue of an order under subparagraph (a) of this paragraph shall, if the county court so orders, be recoverable by execution issued from the county court or otherwise as if payable under an order of that court; and, subject to county court rules, an application for an order of the county court under this paragraph may be made *ex parte*.

(d) The powers of the county court under the foregoing provisions of this paragraph may be exercised by the Registrar.