

CASE NUMBER: 122200114937 and 2200044156

BEVERLEY MAGISTRATES COURT

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL
EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL**

Applicants

-AND-

VARIOUS BID LEVY PAYERS

Respondents

DIRECTIONS

BEFORE District Judge Bennett sitting at Doncaster Magistrates' Court and appearing by remote link at a hearing held in person at Beverley Magistrates Court on 26 April 2023

UPON hearing counsel for the two local authorities pursuing the current liability orders (William Hanbury for the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and Iqbal Mohammed on behalf of North Yorkshire Council)

UPON the respondents as recorded in the schedule prepared by the court attached hereto attending to oppose the making of liability orders together with those known previously to the Applicants as having attended to oppose the making of liability orders ('the Respondents')

UPON these proceedings being heard remotely on 9 June 2022 and in person on 7 July 2022 where the Respondents listed in the schedule of North Yorkshire's bundle at p6 attended and opposed the making of any order but the balance of Respondents did not attend and did not contest the making of any order

UPON these proceedings being listed but then vacated by the court on 3 November 2022 and 26 January 2023

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. These proceedings are reserved to District Judge Bennett who will undertake case management and determine any applications (if required).
2. The following case management directions shall apply with respect to the contested applications and the Respondents. If any party is unable to comply with these directions, they must apply to the court for permission for an extension of time.
3. On or before 24 May 2023 the Respondents do serve on the Applicant bringing the Application against it, a statement of case setting out clearly the basis of their dispute to the current liability orders verified by the Respondents or where the Respondent is a corporation, a person duly authorised by it.
4. Any Respondent not complying with paragraph 3 above shall be treated as not opposing the making of a liability order.
5. The Applicants may reply to any statement of case served by a Respondent within 28 days of service or by 21 June 2023.
6. On or before 5 July 2023 the parties are to exchange all evidence of fact to be contained in witness statements endorsed with statements of truth. In default, any respondent failing to exchange evidence shall be debarred from contesting the making of an order.
7. The parties are to file and serve and any supporting skeleton arguments including copies of any legislation or case law supporting their legal propositions by no later than 2 August 2023.
8. There shall be a pre-trial review of these proceedings on 2 October 2023 heard at Beverley Magistrates' Court at 10.00 (3 hours). Any party wishing to attend remotely is permitted to do so and counsel for each Applicant is permitted to attend remotely. A link will be made available by the court on request.
9. A final hearing shall take place on 6 and 7 November 2023 before District Judge Bennett starting at 10.00 in person at Beverley Magistrates Court.