



In the Family Court
sitting at **[Court name]**

Case No: **[Case number]**

**[The Matrimonial Causes Act 1973] /
[The Civil Partnership Act 2004] /
[Schedule 1 to the Children Act 1989] /
[The Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 and Schedule 7 to the Civil
Partnership Act 2004] /
(DELETE AS APPROPRIATE)**

The **[Marriage] / [Civil Partnership] / [Relationship]** of **[applicant name]** and
[respondent name]

**ORDER MADE BY DISTRICT JUDGE [NAME OF JUDGE] ON [DATE]
SITTING IN [OPEN COURT] / [PRIVATE] AT A FIRST APPOINTMENT
HEARING HEARD AS A PAPER EXERCISE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE
PARTIES UNDER THE ACCELERATED FIRST APPOINTMENT
PROCEDURE**

The parties and their representation

1. The applicant is **[applicant name]**, who **[acts in person] / [is represented by
[solicitor] / [counsel], [solicitors' firm or counsel's name]]**
The **[first]** respondent is **[respondent name]**, who **[acts in person] / [is
represented by [solicitor] / [counsel], [solicitors' firm or counsel's name]]**
**[The second respondent is [respondent name], who [acts in person] / [is
represented by [solicitor] / [counsel], [solicitors' firm or counsel's name]]]**
**[The third [etc] respondent is [respondent name], who [acts in person] / [is
represented by [solicitor] / [counsel], [solicitors' firm or counsel's name]]]**
**[The intervener is [intervener name], who [acts in person] / [is represented by
[solicitor] / [counsel], [solicitors' firm or counsel's name]]]**

(SPECIFY IF ANY PARTY ACTS BY A LITIGATION FRIEND)

Recitals

2. The court considered all the documentation filed with the court (by email) in accordance with the Accelerated First Appointment Procedure, that is:
 - a. the body of each party's financial statement in Form E filed in accordance with Family Procedure Rules, Rule 9.14(1);
 - b. each party's First Appointment documentation filed in accordance with Family Procedure Rules, Rule 9.14(5);
 - c. the terms of the draft agreed directions order signed by (or on behalf of)

- each party; and
- d. certain other documentation vital to the court's ability to approve the draft consent order, namely *[insert]*.
3. The court satisfied itself that the draft agreed directions order contains appropriate directions to comply with Family Procedure Rules 2010, Rules 9.15(1), (2), (3) and (7).
 4. The court noted that, up to the date of the submission of this order for approval the applicant has incurred £*[amount]* in legal costs in relation to these proceedings and the respondent has incurred £*[amount]* in legal costs in relation to these proceedings. The applicant expects to incur further legal costs of £*[amount]* up to the FDR appointment. The respondent expects to incur further legal costs of £*[amount]* up to the FDR appointment. The applicant and the respondent have been informed of these figures by their respective legal representatives.

Agreements

5. The parties have agreed that:
 - a. *[insert (E.G. ANY AGREEMENTS REACHED BETWEEN THE PARTIES ABOUT ASSET VALUES)]*

IT IS ORDERED (BY CONSENT) THAT:

6. The First Appointment listed on *[date]* is hereby vacated on the basis that the court is satisfied that its duties pursuant to the Family Procedure Rules 2010, Rule 9.15 have been satisfied by its scrutiny of the documents referred to above.
7. The case is listed for a Financial Dispute Resolution (FDR) hearing at *[time]* on *[date]* (time estimate: *[one]* / *[two]* hour[s]). The parties and their legal representatives (if any) must attend court at least one hour before this time to negotiate.
8. The parties must file and serve without prejudice or open offers in writing by no later than 7 days before the FDR.
9. The parties shall file and serve open estimates of the costs likely to be incurred to take the matter to final hearing no later than seven days before the FDR.
10. Practice Direction 27A of the Family Procedure Rules (Bundles) shall strictly apply and there must be an agreed bundle lodged at court in hard copy accordingly. (Where there are court arrangements in place for a digital bundle these may be adhered to in the alternative).
11. The court exercises its powers under Family Procedure Rules 2010, Rule 9.15(8) to permit the parties not to attend the First Appointment hearing.
12. There be the following further directions:

a. *[insert]*

Dated *[date]*

Approved by *[name]*