



Decision with Statement of Reasons of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) under Section 71 (1) of the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016

Chamber Ref: FTS/HPC/CV/26/1094

Re: Property at 17 Sighthill Park, Edinburgh, EH11 4PW (“the Property”)

Parties:

Ms Preeti Narasimhan, Block D, Flat 2003, Honer Aquantis, 177, Tellapur Road, Gopanpally Thanda, Gachibowli, Hyderabad, Telangana, 500019, India (“the Applicant”)

Mr Murray Scott, 2 Stewart Gardens, Edinburgh, EH14 5RZ (“the Respondent”)

Tribunal Members:

Andrew McLaughlin (Legal Member)

Decision (in absence of the Respondent)

[1] The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) (“the Tribunal”) made a Payment Order in favour of the Applicant against the Respondent in the sum of £1,300.00.

Background

[2] The Applicant seeks a Payment Order in respect of the return of a deposit paid to the Respondent which was retained by them at the end of a tenancy between the parties.

[3] The Application is accompanied by a copy of the tenancy agreement and messages exchanged between the parties about the matter.

Case Management Discussion

[4] The Application called for a Case Management Discussion (CMD) by conference call at 2pm on 24 August 2026. The Applicant was personally present. There was no appearance by or on behalf of the Respondent. Service had been competently effected on the Respondent by Sheriff Officers. As the Respondent was not present, the Tribunal decided therefor to proceed in the Respondent's absence. Having heard from the Applicant, the Tribunal made the following findings in fact.

Findings in fact

1. *The Parties entered into a tenancy agreement in terms of which the Applicant paid the Respondent a tenancy deposit of £1,300.00.*
2. *The Respondent retained this deposit at the end of the tenancy and ceased communicating with the Applicant.*
3. *The sum of £1,300.00 is resting owed to the Applicant by the Respondent.*

Decision

[5] Having made the above findings in fact, the Tribunal granted the Application and made a Payment Order in favour of the Applicant against the Respondent in the sum of £1,300.00.

Right of Appeal

In terms of Section 46 of the Tribunal (Scotland) Act 2014, a party aggrieved by the decision of the Tribunal may appeal to the Upper Tribunal for Scotland on a point of law only. Before an appeal can be made to the Upper Tribunal, the party must first seek permission to appeal from the First-tier Tribunal. That party must seek permission to appeal within 30 days of the date the decision was sent to them.

A McLaughlin

Legal Member/Chair

Date: 24 August 2026