Decision with Statement of Reasons of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) under Section 16 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014

Chamber Ref: FTS/HPC/CV/21/3213

Re: Property at 194 Quarry Street, New Stevenston, ML1 4HJ ("the Property")

Parties:

Abdul Rashid and Kalida Rashid, spouses, residing at 29 Stevenston Street, New Stevenston, ML1 4LR, as partners of and trustees for the Firm of Salina Housing, 29 Stevenston Street, New Stevenston, ML1 4LR ("the Applicants")

Ms Stephanie Nelson, 1 Lammermuir Place, Holytown, ML1 4NX ("the Respondent")

Tribunal Members:

Andrew Upton (Legal Member)

Decision (in absence of the Respondent)

The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) ("the Tribunal") determined that the Respondent is liable to make payment to the Applicants in the sum of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY NINE POUNDS AND SEVENTY FOUR PENCE (£1,559.74) STERLING

STATEMENT OF REASONS

- 1. This Application called for its Case Management Discussion by teleconference on 14 April 2022. The Applicants were represented by Miss Agnes Ferguson, the Senior Housing Administrator of Salina Housing. The Respondent was neither present nor represented.
- 2. In this Application, the Applicants seek payment of the sum of £1,559.74 which they say is due to them by the Respondent as rent arrears under a now terminated Private Residential Tenancy. In support of their Application, the Applicants have produced a copy rent schedule showing rent payments falling due and payments made by the Respondent. The said schedule also takes account of a rent deposit paid by the Respondent.

- 3. In terms of Rule 17(4) of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber Rules of Procedure 2017 ("the Rules"), the Tribunal may do anything at a CMD that it may do at a Hearing, including make a decision. In terms of Rule 2, the Tribunal is required to have regard to the overriding objective to deal with proceedings justly when making any decision; including by avoiding unnecessary delay.
- 4. The Respondent has received service of a copy of the Application and intimation of the CMD. She had been afforded an opportunity to dispute the allegations made against her in the Application but has chosen not to do so. The Tribunal therefore considers that the Applicant's assertions in the Application are not in dispute.
- 5. For that reason, the Tribunal determined that the Respondent is liable to the Applicant in the sum of £1,559.74. The Tribunal granted the payment order sought.

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.

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