Decision with Statement of Reasons of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) under Section 14 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014

Chamber Ref: FTS/HPC/CV/22/3826

Re: Property at Flat 3/1, 27 Silverbanks Road, Glasgow, G72 7FJ ("the Property")

Parties:

Mr Charles John Dyke, 64 Clover Drive, Rushden, Northamptonshire, NN10 0UH ("the Applicant")

Miss Debra Donnelly, Flat 3/1, 27 Silverbanks Road, Glasgow, G72 7FJ ("the Respondent")

Tribunal Members:

Mark Thorley (Legal Member) and Gerard Darroch (Ordinary Member)

Decision (in absence of the Respondent)

The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) ("the Tribunal") determined that an order of payment by the respondent to the applicant of the sum £2446.20 (Two Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Six Pounds and Twenty Pence) be made.

Background

- 1. The applicant applied to the First Tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) ('the tribunal') by application dated 17 October 2022.
- 2. Accompanying the application were the following documents:
 - (a) Tenancy Agreement
 - (b) Rent Statement

- 3. The application was received by the tribunal on 19 October 2022. Certain further information was sought by the tribunal. Thereafter the application was accepted for determination on 19 December 2022.
- 4. The application was served by sheriff officers 10 January 2023.
- 5. The respondent has not provided any written representations.

Case Management Discussion

- 1. At the case management discussion Ms Donnelly solicitor from TC Young appeared for the applicant.
- 2. There was no appearance by or for the respondent. Ms Donnelly was able to advise the court that arrears of rent had now come down to the sum of £2,446.20. Historically rent was paid by way of housing benefit. The issue was that the housing benefit did not cover the whole amount of the rent. There was always a shortfall. The respondent dating back to the outset of the tenancy never paid this. Accordingly arrears accrued. There were then periods of suspension of housing benefit then housing benefit was restarted.
- 3. At the time the application was lodged arrears were £3,138.60. They had reduced. There was a full rent statement showing all payments that had been made.

Findings in Fact

- 1. The parties entered into a Tenancy Agreement for the rental of the property at Flat 3/1, 27 Silverbanks Road, Glasgow G72 7FJ on 7 September 2007.
- 2. Rent was due to paid at the rate of £450 per month.
- 3. At 23 February 2023 the amount outstanding was £2,446.20.

Decision

To make an order for payment by the respondent to the applicant of the sum of £2,446.20 together with interest at 4% per annum from the date of the order until payment.

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.

	23 February 2023	
Legal Member/Chair	 Date	