

Housing and Property Chamber
First-tier Tribunal for Scotland



**DECISION AND STATEMENT OF REASONS OF ALASTAIR HOUSTON, LEGAL MEMBER
OF THE FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL WITH DELEGATED POWERS OF THE CHAMBER
PRESIDENT**

Under Rule 8 of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber Rules of Procedure 2017 ("the Procedural Rules")

in connection with

17 George Court, Irvine, KA12 0PJ ("the Property")

Case Reference: FTS/HPC/EV/19/1282

MR GARY HOLLAND ("the Applicant")

MISS SIOBHAN TAYLOR ("the Respondent")

1. The application was made under Rule 65 of the Chamber Procedural Rules being an application for an order for possession of a property let on an assured tenancy.
2. On 21 May 2019, a request was sent to the Applicant highlighting the apparent need for a Notice to Quit and for a copy of such a notice to be provided. Given the terms of the tenancy agreement, submissions regarding the competency of the application in light of the decisions in *Royal Bank of Scotland v Boyle* 1999 Hous. L.R. 63 and *Eastmoor LLP v Bulman* G.W.D. 26-529. No response was received.
3. On 17 June 2019 a further request was sent to the Applicant for the same information. The request highlighted that, should no response be received by 1 July 2019, the application may be rejected. No response was received.

DECISION

4. The circumstances in which an application is to be rejected are governed by Rule 8 of the Chamber Procedural Rules. That Rule provides:-

"Rejection of application

8.—(1) The Chamber President or another member of the First-tier Tribunal under the delegated powers of the Chamber President, must reject an application if –

(a) they consider that the application is frivolous or vexatious;

(b) the dispute to which the application relates has been resolved;

(c) they have good reason to believe that it would not be appropriate to accept the application;

(d) they consider that the application is being made for a purpose other than a purpose specified in the application; or

(e) the applicant has previously made an identical or substantially similar application and in the opinion of the Chamber President or another member of the First-tier Tribunal, under the delegated powers of the Chamber President, there has been no significant change in any material considerations since the identical or substantially similar application was determined.

(2) Where the Chamber President, or another member of the First-tier Tribunal, under the delegated powers of the Chamber President, makes a decision under paragraph (1) to reject an application the First-tier Tribunal must notify the applicant and the notification must state the reason for the decision."

- 5. After consideration of the application, the further information referred to and correspondence from the Applicant, the Legal Member considers that the application should be rejected on the basis that it would not be appropriate to accept the application within the meaning of Rule 8(1)(c) of the Procedural Rules.**

REASONS FOR DECISION

6. A request was made for further information from the Applicant, namely a copy of any Notice to Quit served and submissions as to the competency of the application in light of the terms of the tenancy agreement. In the absence of any response by the Applicant, it would not be appropriate to accept the application.

What you should do now

If you accept the Legal Member's decision, there is no need to reply.

If you disagree with this decision:-

An applicant aggrieved by the decision of the Chamber President, or any Legal Member acting under delegated powers, 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. Information about the appeal procedure can be forwarded to you on request.

Alastair Houston

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Legal Member

12 July 2019