



**DECISION AND STATEMENT OF REASONS OF JOSEPHINE BONNAR,
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 Procedure Rules")**

Case Reference: FTS/HPC/CV/24/0880

89 Dalriada Crescent, Motherwell ("the Property")

Ian Kenmuir, 59 Bellvue Crescent, Bellshill ("the Applicant")

Robert Rowlands, 89 Dalriada Crescent, Motherwell ("the Respondent")

1. The Applicant seeks an order for payment in terms of Rule 111 of the Procedure Rules and Section 71 of the Private Housing Tenancies (Scotland) Act 2016. A tenancy agreement and an incomplete rent statement were lodged with the application.
2. The Tribunal issued a request for further information and documents on 18 March 2024. The Applicant was directed to provide a rent statement for the whole period of the arrears and to clarify if the joint tenant named in the tenancy agreement was to be included in the application. The Applicant did not respond to the request or to a reminder issued on 20 May 2024. The Applicant was given a final opportunity to provide the information by letter dated 3 July 2024. The Applicant was notified that a related application for an eviction order had been rejected. He was asked to confirm if the payment application was still to proceed. If so, the information previously requested must be provided. No response has been received.

Decision

3. After consideration of the application, the Legal Member considers that the application should be rejected in terms of Rule 8(1)(c) of the Procedure Rules which states that an application must be rejected if the Tribunal has "good reason to believe that it would not be appropriate to accept the application."

Reasons for Decision

4. Rule 5 of the Procedure Rules states that an application “is held to have been made on the date that it is lodged if, on that date, it is lodged in the manner as set out in rules...105 to 111, as appropriate”. In terms of Rules 5(2) and (3) the Chamber President or a Member with delegated powers must assess whether the “mandatory requirements for lodgement have been met” and “may request further documents”. Rule 111 requires an Applicant to provide a copy of any relevant document.
5. The Applicant has failed to comply with Rules 5 and 111 of the Procedure Rules. The Applicant has failed to provide a required document, namely a rent statement for the whole period of the arrears. The Applicant has also failed to provide this document in response to a request from the Tribunal in terms of Rule 5(3). In the circumstances, the Legal Member is satisfied that there is good reason to believe that it would not be appropriate to accept the application. The application is rejected on that basis.

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.

J Bonnar

Josephine Bonnar, Legal Member
3 September 2024