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/24/1302

Re: Property at 39 Elm Grove, Alloa, FK10 1BG ("the Property")

#### Parties:

Kingdom Initiatives Limited, Saltire Centre, Pentland Court, Glenrothes, KY6 2DA ("the Applicant")

Miss Shannon Young, 39 Elm Grove, Alloa, FK10 1BG ("the Respondent")

### **Tribunal Members:**

Alison Kelly (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 for payment should be made.

## Background

- 1. On 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 the Applicant lodged an application under Rule 111 of the First Tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber (Procedure) Regulations 2017 ("the Rules") seeking payment of a sum of rent arrears.
- 2. Lodged with the Application were:
  - a. Copy Private Residential Tenancy Agreement showing a commencement date of 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and a rent of £489.77 per month, rising to £504.46 per month;
  - b. Rent statement showing arrears of £5122 as at 1st March 2024;

- 3. The Application was served on the Respondent by Sheriff Officers on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2024.
- 4. On 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024 the Applicant's solicitor lodged an up to date rent statement showing rent arrears of £7684.66.

# **Case Management Discussion**

- 5. The Case Management Discussion ("CMD") took place by teleconference. The Applicant was represented by Miss Callaghan of TC Young, Solicitors. There was no attendance by the Respondent or any representative on her behalf.
- 6. The Chairperson confirmed the purposes of a CMD in terms of Rule 17 of the Rules.
- 7. Miss Callaghan asked that an order be granted for payment, in the amended amount of £7684.66, being the sum due as shown on the rent statement and being the arrears due as at 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024. She also sought interest at the rate of 8%. There was no contractual provision for interest. 8% is above the current lending rate and the Tribunal decided that 3% was a fairer amount.

# **Findings in Fact**

- i. The parties entered in to a tenancy agreement for rent of the property;
- ii. The rent was £489.77 per month, rising to £504.46 per month;
- iii. At 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 the rent arrears owed were £7684.66.

### **Reasons for Decision**

The Respondent owes rent to the Applicant in the amount of £7684.66.

## 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. Kelly			
	16 September 2024		
Legal Member/Chair	 Date		