Decision with Statement of Reasons of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) under Section 71(1) of the Private Housing (Tenancies)(Scotland) Act 2016

Chamber Ref: FTS/HPC/CV/24/2211

Re: Property at 1/3 47 NEILSTON RD, PAISLEY, PA2 6LY ("the Property")

Parties:

Chun Hei Lai, 2801 Kam Hei House, Kam Hei Court, Hong Kong ("the Applicant")

Mr Ryan Stewart, 1/3 47 NEILSTON RD, PAISLEY, PA2 6LY ("the Respondent")

Tribunal Members:

Mary-Claire Kelly (Legal Member)

Decision (in absence of the Respondent)

The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) ("the Tribunal") determined to grant an order for payment in the sum of NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY POUNDS (£990.00)

Background

- 1. By application dated 14 May 2024 the applicant seeks an order for payment in the sum of £990 in respect of rent arrears.
- 2. The applicant lodged the following documents with the application:
 - Copy tenancy agreement
 - Rent accounts

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3. The applicant was represented by Mr Reynolds, Director, Smart Moves Estate Agents. The respondent was not present or represented. The Tribunal was

- satisfied that the respondent had received proper notice of the cmd and proceeded with the cmd in their absence in terms of rule 29.
- 4. The applicant's representative sought an order for payment in the sum of £990. The lease which had been lodged had a commencement date of 3 May 2022 and showed that the monthly rent due was £495. Rent accounts had been lodged which spanned the period May 2023 to May 2024. These showed the rent arrears as at 3 May 2024 amounted to £990.
- 5. Mr Reynolds stated that no payments had been made by the respondent since March 2024 and the outstanding arrears figure continued to rise.

Findings in fact

- 6. Parties entered into a tenancy agreement with a commencement date of 3 May 2022.
- 7. Monthly rent due in terms of the agreement is £495.
- 8. Arrears as at 3 May 2024 amounted to £990.
- 9. The respondent has not made any payments towards the rent or arrears since March 2024.

Reasons for the decision

- 10. The Tribunal had regard to the application and the documents lodged by the applicant and Mr Reynolds' submission at the cmd.
- 11. The Tribunal took into account that the respondent had not lodged any defence to the application or disputed the sum sought in any way.
- 12. The Tribunal was satisfied that arrears in the amount of £990 were lawfully due as at the date of the cmd

Decision

The Tribunal determined to grant an order for payment in the sum of £990.

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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