Housing and Property Chamber First-tier Tribunal for Scotland



First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber)

Variation of a Repairing Standard Enforcement Order under Section 25(1)(a) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006

Chamber Ref: FTS/HPC/RT/24/0830

Re: Property at 13 Shore Street, Macduff, Aberdeenshire, AB44 1UB under Title Reference BNF5215 ("the Property")

Parties:

Aberdeenshire Council, Gordon House, Blackhall Road, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, AB51 3WA ("the Third Party Applicant");

William Stewart, Greenfold Farmhouse, Bridge of Marnoch, Huntly, Moray, AB54 7UN ("the Landlord")

Tribunal Members:

Ruth O'Hare (Legal Member) and David Godfrey (Ordinary Member)

The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber ("the Tribunal") having determined on 7 January 2025 that the Repairing Standard Enforcement Order relative to the house made on 22 July 2024 should be varied, the said Repairing Standard Enforcement Order is hereby varied as follows:-

(i) To extend the period of time for carrying out the works by a period of three months;

and

(ii) To require the Landlord to carry out such works to the electrical installations in the property as are necessary to produce an electrical installation condition report with no C1 or C2 defects, and submit a copy of said report to the Tribunal.

Section 25(3) applies in this case.

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.

Where such an appeal is made, the effect of the decision and of any order is suspended until the appeal is abandoned or determined by the Upper Tribunal, and where the appeal is abandoned or finally determined by upholding the decision, the decision and any order will be treated as having effect from the day on which the appeal is abandoned or determined.

Please note that in terms of section 28(1) of the Act, a landlord who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with a RSEO commits an offence liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale. A landlord (and that includes any landlord's successor in title) also commits an offence if he or she enters into a tenancy or occupancy arrangement in relation to a house at any time during which a RSEO has effect in relation to the house. This is in terms of Section 28(5) of the Act.

R O'Hare

_____ Chairperson

7 January 2025