Decision with Statement of Reasons of H Forbes, Legal Member of the Firsttier Tribunal with delegated powers of the Chamber President of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber)

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

Chamber Ref: FTS/HPC/CV25/0049

Re: 88 Grandholm Crescent, Bridge of Don, Aberdeen, AB22 8BA ("the Property")

Parties:

Rajander Gill ("the Applicant")

**Tribunal Member:** 

H Forbes (Legal Member)

Decision

The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) ("the Tribunal") determined that the application should be rejected on the basis that the application is frivolous in terms of Rule 8(1)(a) of the Procedural Rules, and the Tribunal has good reason to believe it would not be appropriate to accept the application in terms of Rule 8(1)(c) of the Procedural Rules.

## **Background**

- 1. The application was received by the Tribunal under Rule 70 on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 with associated documents. The Applicant stated they were seeking an order for payment in the sum of £995 in respect of a tenancy deposit dispute.
- Following requests for further information, the Applicant confirmed that the matter was adjudicated by an approved tenancy deposit scheme and it was the decision of the scheme that the tenancy deposit should be paid to the landlord.

## **Decision**

3. The Tribunal considered the application in terms of 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;
- (c) they have good reason to believe that it would not be appropriate to accept the application;
- (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."
- 4. On consideration of the above test, the Tribunal considers that this application is frivolous, misconceived and has no prospect of success. The Tribunal also determined that the application should be rejected in terms of Rule 8(c) on the basis that there is good reason to believe it would not be appropriate to accept the application.

#### **Reasons for Decision**

- 5. The Tribunal does not have jurisdiction to determine an application where the approved tenancy deposit scheme has adjudicated and made a decision. The correct procedure is for the Applicant to request a review of the scheme's decision.
- 6. The application is frivolous and there is good reason to believe it would not be appropriate to accept the application. The application is rejected.

## 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.

# Helen Forbes

	27 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Legal Member/Chair	Date