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/25/0267

Re: Property at Room 1, 34 (3F2) Gillespie Crescent, Edinburgh, EH10 4HX ("the Property")

Parties:

Gray & Gray Properties Limited, Dunearn House, Burntisland, Fife, KY3 0AH ("the Applicant")

Mr Stephen Gilmore, Room 1, 34 (3F2) Gillespie Crescent, Edinburgh, EH10 4HX ("the Respondent")

Tribunal Members:

Andrew McLaughlin (Legal Member) and Mary Lyden (Ordinary Member)

Decision (in absence of the Respondent)

[1] The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) ("the Tribunal") made a Payment Order in favour of the Applicant against the Respondent in the sum of £6,300.00 with interest on that sum at the rate of 4 per cent per year from today's date until payment and an additional sum of £1,560.00.

Background

[2] The Applicant seeks a Payment Order in respect of rent arrears said to have been accrued by the Respondent under a tenancy between the parties. The Applicant also claims for an additional sum of £1,560.00 for their legal costs incurred in bringing these proceedings.

[3] The Application is accompanied by a copy of the tenancy agreement, rent statements and professional fee notes incurred.

Case Management Discussion

[4] The Application called for a Case Management Discussion (CMD) by conference call at 10 am on 8 August 2025. The Applicant was represented by Mr Gray of Gilson Gray LLP. There was no appearance by or on behalf of the Respondent. The Respondent had received intimation of the Application and information about how to join the conference call by Sheriff Officers. The Tribunal therefore decided to proceed in the absence of the Respondent.

[5] Having heard from the Applicant's representative and considered the whole facts and circumstances of the case, the Tribunal made the following findings in fact.

Findings in fact

- 1) The Parties entered into a tenancy agreement in terms of which the Applicant let the Property to the Respondent;
- 2) The Respondent has accrued rent arrears of £6,300.00 and these sums are resting owed to the Applicant by the Respondent.
- 3) The Applicant has accrued legal costs in the sum of £1,560.00 in bringing these proceedings. Condition 37 of the tenancy agreement provides that the Applicant may seek recovery of such sums from the Respondent. This sum has been settled and does not represent an ongoing loss to the Applicant. An award of interest is not therefore sought on this sum.

Decision

[6] Having made the above findings in fact, the Tribunal granted the Application and made a Payment Order in favour of the Applicant against the Respondent in the sum of £6,300.00 with interest on that sum at the rate of 4 per cent per year from today's date until payment and an additional sum of £1,560.00.

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.McLaughlin

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| Legal Member/Chair | Date |