

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

Repairing Standard Enforcement Order under Section 24(2) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006

Reference number: FTS/HPC/RP/24/4431

Re: Property at 12a Coutts Building, Golf Road, Ballater, Aberdeenshire, AB35 5RE ("the Property") under Title Number ABN19472

The Parties

Mr Samuel Hollands, 12a Coutts Building, Golf Road, Ballater, Aberdeenshire, AB35 5RE ("the Tenant")

Mrs Lucinda Fernie, Polmonier Cottage, Ballater, AB35 5TB ("the Landlord")

## **Tribunal Members:**

Ruth O'Hare (Legal Member) and Angus Anderson (Ordinary Member)

Whereas in terms of their decision dated 8 September 2025, the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) ("the Tribunal") determined that the landlord has failed to comply with the duty imposed by Section 14(1)(b) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 ("the Act") and in particular that the landlord has failed to ensure that:-

- the house is wind and watertight and in all other respects reasonably fit for human habitation;
- (ii) the structure and exterior of the house (including drains, gutters and external pipes) is in a reasonable state of repair and in proper working order; and
- (iii) the house meets the tolerable standard.

the Tribunal now requires the landlord to carry out such work as is necessary for the purposes of ensuring that the house concerned meets the Repairing Standard and that any damage caused by the carrying out of any work in terms of this Order is made good.

In particular the Tribunal requires the landlord to:-

(i) Instruct a report from a damp and condensation specialist, submit the report to the Tribunal for consideration, and carry out any works thereafter as directed by

the Tribunal. The report should identify the cause of any water ingress or condensation, and include remedial recommendations, where appropriate.

The Tribunal orders that the works specified in this Order must be carried out and completed within a period of one month from the date of service of this Notice.

## 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.

In witness whereof these presents type written on this and the preceding page(s) are executed by Ruth O'Hare, Chairperson, c/o Glasgow Tribunals Centre, 20 York Street, Glasgow, G2 8GT in Aberdeen on 8 September 2025 before this witness:-

Witness witness

Chairperson

Patrick Robb, c/o Glasgow Tribunals Centre 20 York Street, Glasgow, G2 8GT