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

Chamber Ref: FTS/HPC/CV/24/4090

Re: Property at 95 Watson Street, Motherwell, ML1 1YP ("the Property")

Parties:

REWD LPB Limited, Rewd Group HQ, Unit 4 Barons Court Grangemouth, Scotland, FK3 8BH ("the Applicant")

Craig Brown, Lauren Thorburn, 85 Carfin Road, Newarthill, Motherwell, ML1 5JX; 85 Carfin Drive, Newarthill, Motherwell, ML1 5JX ("the Respondent")

Tribunal Members:

Ruth O'Hare (Legal Member)

Decision

The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) ("the Tribunal") determined that the Respondents are liable to pay the Applicant the sum of Eleven thousand two hundred and seventy four pounds and seventy five pence (£11,274.75) Sterling under the terms of the tenancy agreement between the parties.

The Tribunal therefore made an order for payment in the sum of £11,274.75 with interest at the rate of 8% per annum from the date of decision until payment.

Background

- This is an application for payment under rule 111 of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) Rules of Procedure 2017 ("the Rules"). The Applicant sought an order for payment of rent arrears and costs arising under the tenancy agreement between the parties, together with interest.
- The application was referred to a case management discussion ("CMD") to take place by teleconference on 14 April 2025. The Tribunal gave notice of the CMD to the parties under rule 17(2) of the Rules. Said notice was served upon the Respondents by sheriff officers on 25 February 2025.

- On 17 March 2025 the Tribunal received a request from the Applicant's solicitor to increase the sum claimed to £11,284.75.
- The first CMD took place on 14 April 2025 by teleconference. The Applicant was represented by Mr David Gray from Gilson Gray. The Respondents both joined the call. The Respondents explained that they accepted liability for the debt and had previously entered into a repayment arrangement with the Applicant's former solicitor. At this stage the Tribunal identified a conflict of interest, as the Legal Member was employed by the Applicant's solicitor. The Tribunal therefore concluded that it could not proceed to determine the case and adjourned the CMD for Mr Gray to investigate whether payments had been made, whether a new repayment arrangement could be agreed, and for a new Legal Member to be allocated to the case.
- On 2 September 2025 the Tribunal received an updated rent statement from the Applicant's solicitor. The Applicant requested a reduced sum of £11,274.75 following reconciliation of payments made by the Respondents between 2 February 2024 and 31 May 2024.

The CMD

- The CMD took place on 2 October 2025 by teleconference. Mr Gray represented the Applicant. The Respondents both joined the call.
- Mr Gray explained that the parties had been in discussions and had reached agreement whereby the Respondents had undertook to pay £100 per month towards the debt. Ms Thorburn on behalf of the Respondents confirmed that this was the case. The Respondents accepted the debt was owed and would make payments of £100 per month. Mr Gray explained that the parties were not seeking a time to pay direction but the Applicant was content to give an undertaking that they would not seek to enforce the debt so long as payments were made as agreed.

Reasons for decision

- The Tribunal was satisfied that it could reach a decision on the application following the CMD based on the documentary evidence before it and the oral submissions from the parties. The Respondents did not dispute that they were liable for the sum claimed which was evidenced by the case papers submitted by the Applicant.
- 9 The Tribunal therefore determined to make an order for payment in the sum of £11,274.75.

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

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	2 October 2025	
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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