



**Decision with Statement of Reasons of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland  
(Housing and Property Chamber) under Section 16 of the Housing (Scotland)  
Act 2014**

**Chamber Ref: FTS/HPC/CV/26/0400**

**Re: Property at 74 Farr Bettyhill, Thurso Caithness, KW14 7TA (“the Property”)**

**Parties:**

**Mr Allan Murdo Mackay, Zaaiplaats Farr Bettyhill, Thurso, KW14 7TA (“the Applicant”)**

**Mr Scott Penman, 74 Farr Bettyhill, Thurso Caithness, KW14 7TA (“the Respondent”)**

**Tribunal Members:**

**Alastair Houston (Legal Member) and Jane Heppenstall (Ordinary Member)**

**Decision (in absence of the Respondent)**

**The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) (“the Tribunal”) determined that an order for payment of £10250.00 be made in favour of the Applicant**

**1. Background**

- 1.1 This is an application under rule 70 of the Chamber rules whereby the Applicant sought an order for payment in respect of rent unpaid by the Respondent. The application was accompanied by, amongst other things, a rent statement and copies of correspondence between the parties. The application was conjoined with application reference FTS/HPC/EV/26/0399 and this decision should be read in conjunction with that issued in the conjoined application.
- 1.2 No written representations were received from the Respondent in advance of the Case Management Discussion.

**2. The Case Management Discussion**

- 2.1 The Case Management Discussion took place on 19 August 2026 by teleconference. The Applicant was represented by Mr Durie of Brodies LLP Solicitors. The Respondent was neither present nor represented.
- 2.2 The Applicant's representative confirmed that the application was insisted upon. There had been written contact from the Respondent requesting bank details to make payment to the Applicant however, there was nothing to suggest he was not aware of the applications and Case Management Discussion. The Tribunal noted that intimation had been made by sheriff officers and considered it appropriate to proceed in the Respondent's absence, as was permitted by rule 29 of the Chamber Rules.
- 2.3 The Applicant's representative confirmed that the amount outstanding had increased since the application was made however, the sum sought was restricted to £10,250.00 being the amount specified in the application. Whilst there was no written tenancy agreement, terms had been agreed verbally between the parties. The Respondent had acknowledged the debt owed in his letter of 19 February 2025. The Tribunal indicated that the order sought would be granted.

### **3. Reasons For Decision**

- 3.1 The Applicant had detailed the rental obligation of the Respondent. The rent statement clearly detailed the sums outstanding. In the absence of any suggestion as to why the sum sought would not be lawfully due, the Tribunal granted an order for payment.

### **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.**

Alastair Houston

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**Legal Member/Chair**

**19 August 2026**  
**Date**