Housing and Property Chamber First-tier Tribunal for Scotland



DECISION AND STATEMENT OF REASONS OF JOSEPHINE BONNAR, LEGAL MEMBER OF THE FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL WITH DELEGATED POWERS OF THE CHAMBER PRESIDENT

Under Rule 5 of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber Rules of Procedure 2017 ("the Rules")

in connection with

22 Haughton Avenue, Kilsyth ("the Property")

Case Reference: FTS/HPC/CV/20/0832

Manish Khanna, Radleigh House, 1 Golf Road, Glasgow ("the Applicant")

James Pavaday, 22 Haughton Avenue, Kilsyth and Wilma Motherwell, 59 The Auld Road, Cumbernauld ("the Respondents")

- 1. By application received on 8 March 2020 the Applicant seeks a payment order in terms of Rule 111 of the Rules. A copy tenancy agreement was lodged with the application.
- 2. The Tribunal issued a letter to the Applicant requesting further information on 24 April 2020. No response was received. A further letter was issued to the Applicant on 30 June 2020. The Applicant was asked to clarify the position regarding the Applicant's entitlement to make the application. The Applicant was also asked to provide evidence to support the application against the Second Applicant, the guarantor named on the tenancy agreement, as the agreement produced did not appear to have been signed by the guarantor and no other information or evidence had been provided. The Applicant was directed to provide a response by 14 July 2020, or the application may be rejected. No response has been received.

DECISION

3. The Legal Member considered the application in terms of Rule 5 of the Chamber Procedural Rules. That Rule provides:-

"(1) An application is held to have been made on the date that it is lodged if, on that date, it is lodged in the manner as set out in rules 43, 47 to 50, 55, 59, 61, 65 to 70, 72, 75 to 91, 93 to 95, 98 to 101, 103 or 105 to 111, as appropriate.

(2) The Chamber President or another member of the First-tier Tribunal, under the delegated powers of the Chamber President, must determine whether an application has been lodged in the required manner by assessing whether all mandatory requirements for lodgment have been met.

(3) If it is determined that an application has not been lodged in the prescribed manner, the Chamber President or another member of the First-tier Tribunal, under the delegated powers of the Chamber President, may request further documents and the application is to be held to be made on the date that the First-tier Tribunal receives the last of any outstanding documents necessary to meet the requirement manner for lodgment. "

4. After consideration of the application, the supporting documentation and correspondence from the Applicant, the Legal Member considers that the application should be rejected on the basis that the Applicant has failed to comply with Rule 5.

Reasons for Decision

5. The Applicant submitted an application for a payment order in terms of Rule 111 of the Procedural Rules. This Rule states that the application must "(b) be accompanied by – (i) evidence to support the application; and (ii) a copy of any relevant document." The Applicant has failed to submit evidence to support the application. The Tribunal has written to the Applicant, directing him to provide this evidence. No response has been received.

6. As the Applicant has failed to provide the evidence required in terms of Rule 111 of the Rules, and has failed to submit the evidence, having been directed to do so in a request for further information by the Tribunal in terms of Rule 5(3) of the Rules, the Legal Member determines that the application cannot be accepted. The application is rejected on that basis.

What you should do now

If you accept the Legal Member's decision, there is no need to reply.

If you disagree with this decision -

An applicant aggrieved by the decision of the Chamber President, or any Legal Member acting under delegated powers, 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. Information about the appeal procedure can be forwarded to you on request.

Josephine Bonnar Legal Member 10 August 2020