Decision with Statement of Reasons of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber)

Chamber Ref: FTS/HPC/CV/19/2678

Re: Property at Flat 2/2, 73 Waverley Gardens, Shawlands, Glasgow, G41 2DP ("the Property")

Parties:

Usman Hussain, 432 Shields Road, Pollockshields, Glasgow, G41 1NS ("the Applicant")

Tom Flay and Ryan Laskey residing at Flat 2/2, 73 Waverley Gardens, Shawlands, Glasgow, G41 2DP ("the Respondents")

Tribunal Members:

Paul Doyle (Legal 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 should be made.

Background

The Applicant sought an order for payment of rental arrears totalling £4,403.00. The Applicant had lodged with the Tribunal Form F. The documents produced were a Tenancy Agreement and form AT5 both dated 01 August 2017; an AT6 and a notice to quit both dated 25 July 2019 together with a Notice in terms of Section 11 of the Homelessness Etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 served on 21 August 2019. A copy title sheet was lodged with the Tribunal which shows that the applicant is the heritable proprietor of the Property.

Case Management Discussion

A case management discussion took place before the Tribunal at 11.30am on 4 February 2020 at the Glasgow Tribunals Centre, 20 York street, Glasgow G2 8GT.

The Applicant was represented by Mr M Albiston of Dallas McMillan, solicitors. There was no appearance by or on behalf of either of the Respondents.

Findings in Fact

The Tribunal made the following findings in fact:

- 1. The Applicant and the Respondents entered into a Short-Assured Tenancy Agreement for the Property on 1 August 2017.
- 2. The period of the Lease was from 1 August 2017 to 1 February 2018 and thereafter on a month to month basis.
- 3. The initial rent in terms of the Tenancy Agreement was £750 per month.
- 4. The Respondents failed to maintain prompt and regular payments of the monthly rental. A separate eviction action has been raised against the respondents and the arears of rental continue to increase. When this application was submitted on 21 August 2019, rent arears of £4,403.00 had accumulated. The respondents are jointly liable for that sum. At the date of application, there were arears of rental totalling £4,403.00. No attempt has been made to make payment towards the sum outstanding.
- 5. Notice of the date of this hearing was served on both of the Respondents by sheriff officers on 7 January 2020. Neither respondent opposes the application.

Reasons for the Decision

The Tribunal determined to make an Order for payment of £4,403.00. Rent was lawfully due in terms of the Tenancy Agreement at the rate of £750 per month. Both respondents have failed to maintain prompt payments of rental and there were £4,403 in arears of rental at the date of application. No payments have yet been made towards the sum outstanding.

Decision

For the foregoing reasons, the Tribunal determined to make 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.

Paul Doyle

Legal Wember

Date 04 February 2020