Decision with Statement of Reasons of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) under Section 33 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988 ("The Act")

Chamber Ref: FTS/HPC/EV/23/2029

Re: Property at 19 Glencoul Avenue, Dalgety Bay, Dunfermline, KY11 9XL ("the Property")

Parties:

Mrs Jayne Paterson, Mr James Paterson, 26 Glamis Gardens, Dalgety Bay, Dunfermline, Fife, KY11 9TD ("the Applicant")

David Slater, 19 Glencoul Avenue, Dalgety Bay, Dunfermline, KY11 9XL ("the Respondent")

Tribunal Members:

Andrew McLaughlin (Legal Member) and Sandra Brydon (Ordinary Member)

Decision (in absence of the Respondent)

The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) ("the Tribunal") granted the Application and made an Eviction Order.

Background

[1] The Applicant seeks an Eviction Order under s 33 of the Act. The Application is accompanied by a copy of the tenancy agreement, the relevant notice under s 33 of the Act together with the notice to quit and proof of service. The relevant notice under s11 of the Homelessness (Etc) (Scotland) Act 2003 is also produced.

The Case Management Discussion

[2] The Application called for a Case Management Discussion (CMD) by conference call at 10am on 6 September 2023. The Applicant was represented by Ms Matthew of Bannatyne Kirkwood France & Co. There was no appearance on behalf of the Respondent. The Respondent had however helpfully set out his position in a letter which

had been received by the Tribunal. The Respondent explained his surprise at receiving the notices but that he was now buying another property in Dunfermline.

[3] Having heard from Ms Matthew and having considered the documentation before it, the Tribunal made the following findings in fact.

Findings in Fact

- I. The parties entered into a tenancy agreement whereby the Applicants let the Property to the Respondent by virtue of a Short Assured Tenancy;
- II. The Applicant has competently served the relevant notice under s33 of the Act together with a notice to quit providing the correct periods of notice for the ending of the tenancy;
- III. The Applicant has complied with s11 of the Homelessness (Etc) (Scotland) Act 2003;
- IV. The Applicants wish to end the tenancy because they want to retire and sell the Property together with their own home and buy a bungalow;
- V. The Respondent is understood to live alone in the Property and is in the process of finding alternative accommodation;
- VI. It is reasonable to make an Eviction Order.

Decision

[3] Having made the above findings in fact, the Tribunal granted the Application and made an Eviction Order.

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.

6 September 2023 Date