

**Housing and Property Chamber**  
First-tier Tribunal for Scotland

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**DECISION AND STATEMENT OF REASONS OF ALISON KELLY, LEGAL MEMBER OF THE  
FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL WITH DELEGATED POWERS OF THE CHAMBER PRESIDENT**

Under Rule 8 of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber Rules  
of Procedure 2017 ("the Procedural Rules")

in connection with

Flat 0/1, 12 Torrisdale Street, Glasgow, G42 8PZ

**Case Reference: FTS/HPC/CV/19/2926**

**Miss Tracey Murphy ("the applicant")**

**John Allan ("the respondent")**

1. On 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019, an application was received from the applicant. The application was made under Rule 70 of the Procedural Rules being an application for civil proceedings in relation to an assured tenancy under the 1988 Act . The following documents were enclosed with the application:-

- (i) Rent Statement
- (ii) Housing benefit Letter
- (iii) Letter to tenant

By various letters the Tribunal requested further information from the applicant. Replies were received but the information requested was not provided. On 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 the Tribunal wrote again to the Applicant summarizing what was outstanding, being a revised application form, and referring to the Tribunal's letters of 5<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 requesting same, which had gone unanswered. The Tribunal confirmed in the letter that the Legal Member had decided to allow one further opportunity to reply, and that the reply was required by 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The applicant has failed to respond to this request.

## DECISION

2. I considered the application in terms of Rule 8 of the Procedural Rules. That Rule provides:-

### *"Rejection of application*

*8.—(1) The Chamber President or another member of the First-tier Tribunal under the delegated powers of the Chamber President, must reject an application if –*

*(a) they consider that the application is frivolous or vexatious;*

*(b) the dispute to which the application relates has been resolved;*

*(c) they have good reason to believe that it would not be appropriate to accept the application;*

*(d) they consider that the application is being made for a purpose other than a purpose specified in the application; or*

*(e) the applicant has previously made an identical or substantially similar application and in the opinion of the Chamber President or another member of the First-tier Tribunal, under the delegated powers of the Chamber President, there has been no significant change in any material considerations since the identical or substantially similar application was determined.*

*(2) Where the Chamber President, or another member of the First-tier Tribunal, under the delegated powers of the Chamber President, makes a decision under paragraph (1) to reject an application the First-tier Tribunal must notify the applicant and the notification must state the reason for the decision."*

3. After consideration of the application, the attachments and correspondence from the applicant, I consider that the application should be rejected on the basis that I have good reason to believe that it would not be appropriate to accept the application within the meaning of Rule 8(1)(c) of the Procedural Rules.

#### **REASONS FOR DECISION**

4. The Tribunal has requested further information from the applicant in order to consider whether or not the application must be rejected as frivolous within the meaning of Rule 8(1)(a) of the Procedural Rules. 'Frivolous' in the context of legal proceedings is defined by Lord Justice Bingham in *R v North West Suffolk (Mildenhall) Magistrates Court*, (1998) Env. L.R. 9. At page 16, he states:- *"What the expression means in this context is, in my view, that the court considers the application to be futile, misconceived, hopeless or academic"*. It is that definition which I have to consider in this application in order to determine whether or not this application is frivolous, misconceived, and has no prospect of success.
5. The applicant has failed to respond to the Tribunal's request for further information, which information the Tribunal requires in order to determine whether or not the application is frivolous, misconceived, and has no prospect of success. I consider that the applicant's failure to respond to the Tribunal's request gives me good reason to believe that it would not be appropriate to accept the application in circumstances where the applicant is apparently unwilling or unable to respond to the Tribunal's enquiries in order to progress this application.

6. Accordingly, for this reason, this application must be rejected upon the basis that I have good reason to believe that it would not be appropriate to accept the application within the meaning of Rule 8(1)(c) of the Procedural Rules.

**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.

Alison J Kelly  
Legal Member  
27<sup>th</sup> January 2020

