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

Chamber Ref: FTS/HPC/CV/18/1358

Re: Property at Flat 3, 7 Steedman Row, Craigmillar, Edinburgh, EH16 4FQ ("the Property")

Parties:

Places for People Scotland, 1 Hay Avenue, Edinburgh, EH16 4RW ("the Applicant")

Mr Robert Sewielski, Flat 3, 7 Steedman Row, Craigmillar, Edinburgh, EH16 4FQ ("the Respondent")

Tribunal Members:

Colin Dunipace (Legal Member)

Decision

The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) ("the Tribunal") determined that the Order sought by the Applicant should be granted without the necessity of a formal Hearing.

- The Applicant had raised an action for payment in terms of the Tenancy Agreement in respect of which the Respondent had undertaken to pay rent to the Applicants at the rate of £565 per calendar month, increasing to £581.95 per calendar month. The Applicants stated that the respondent had fallen into arrears or rent and that following a Trust Deed having been signed by the Respondent that the outstanding balance was in the sum of £2845.84
- The matter called before me as a Case Management Discussion on 7
 September 2018. At that time the Applicants were represented by Mr
 McKendrick of Messrs TC Young Solicitors. The Respondent was also
 present at this Discussion. At that time the Applicants moved for the Order to
 be granted, stating that nothing had been paid toward the arrears of rent since
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- The Respondent indicated the Discussion that he wished to remain in the property as he had nowhere else to live at the present time. The Respondent accepted that he had accrued considerable arrears of rent due to debt difficulties but that he now taken advice in this regard and had signed a Trust Deed and was hoping to clear his arrears. The Respondent made an offer in the sum of £150 in relation to his arrears.
- Having heard from the parties I considered whether matters might be capable
 of resolution and I noted that the Applicant's representative agreed that he
 would speak to his clients to ascertain whether the offer made was acceptable
 to them. To facilitate this I adjourned the case for 15 minutes to enable
 instructions to be obtained. When the Discussion resumed I noted that the
 Applicants were not prepared to accept this offer, pointing out that no previous
 offer have been made and that no payments had been made since May 2018.
- Having considered matters further I was satisfied that the Applicant's had satisfied the terms of Section 33(1)(d) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988, and that as no substantive matters had been raised by the Respondent, I determined that the Order should be made forthwith.

Right of Appeal

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Legal Member/Chair	Date	