Decision and Certificate of Compliance with Letting Agent Enforcement Order in terms of Section 50 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014

Chamber Ref.: FTS/HPC/LA/23/1131

Re: Property at 21 Dunnikier Way, Edinburgh, EH17 8HJ

("the Property")

## Parties:

Ms Wai Ying Cecillia Lai and Mr Tai Chu Ko, Flat 3, 8/F Cables Wynd, Edinburgh, EH6 6DU ("the Applicant")

Zone Letting Lt, 30 St Stephen Street, Edinburgh, EH3 5AL ("the Respondents")

Tribunal Members: Melanie Barbour (Legal Member) and Sandra Brydon (Ordinary Member)

## Decision

The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) ('the tribunal'), having determined that the Letting Agent has complied with the Letting Agent Enforcement Order ('LAEO') dated 6 November 2023, certifies that the Letting Agent has complied with the LAEO. The tribunal's decision is unanimous.

## **Reasons for decision**

 The tribunal issued a decision to the parties on 6 November 2023. The tribunal found that the Letting Agent had failed to comply with paragraph 85 of the Letting Agent Code of Practice ('the Code') and issued a Letting Agent Enforcement Order (LAEO) on the same date. The respondent had 30 days from service of the order to comply with its terms.

- 2. The LAEO required the Letting Agent, to do the following :
  - a. To pay the Applicants the sum of £200 in compensation for the inconvenience suffered as a result of the letting agents' breach.
  - b. The Letting Agent shall review their check-in procedures and amend them so that they include information on how tenants can resolve disputes relating to the checkin inventory.
- 3. On 7 November 2023 the respondent wrote to advise that they had paid the £200 compensation to the applicant. On 9 November 2023 the respondent wrote to advise that they had updated their check-in procedures for dealing with inventory disputes/queries and they provided a copy of their revised procedure; further they submitted a letter outlining that they had held a staff meeting and caried out re-training with staff regarding revised check-in and inventory procedures.
- 4. On the basis of the evidence before it, the tribunal is satisfied that the Letting Agent has complied with the terms of the LAEO. It therefore issues this certificate of compliance.

## Rights of Appeal

In terms of section 46 of the Tribunals (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.

..... Chairperson

MELANIE BARBOUR

13 November 2023 Date