Housing and Property Chamber First-tier Tribunal for Scotland



Statement of Reasons for Decision of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber ("the Tribunal") made under Section 50(2) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014

Chamber Ref: FTS/HPC/LA/18/1283

Parties

Mr Andrew Davies, sometime residing at 1H, 5 Cuparstone Court, Aberdeen AB10 6FB ("the Applicant")

And

Corporate Accommodation Ltd, incorporated under the Companies Act (SC567902), having its Registered Office at Templars House, South Deeside Road, Maryculter, Aberdeen AB12 5GB, and trading as AM-PM Leasing, having a place of business at 441 Union Street, Aberdeen AB11 6DA ("the Respondents")

Tribunal Members: George Clark (Legal Member) and Mrs Helen Barclay (Ordinary Member)

The Tribunal determined that the Respondent has failed to comply with the Letting Agent Enforcement Order Notice dated 28 August 2018 and that, in terms of Section 50(2) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014, Notice of the failure should be given to Scottish Ministers.

Reasons for Decision

On 28 August 2018, the Tribunal made a Letting Agent Enforcement Order ("the Order"), requiring the Respondent to pay to the Applicant the sum of £150. The Decision was not appealed and the Tribunal issued Order Compliance Check letters to the Parties on 19 October 2018. The Applicant responded on 19 October 2018 that he had not received any payment from the Respondents. The Respondents e-mailed the Tribunal on 23 October, seemingly under the impression that the payment which the Tribunal had ordered was reimbursement of rent for a period when it had been determined the Applicant could not use the Property, implying that it was not payable by them. The Tribunal e-mailed the Respondents on 23 October 2018, to confirm that the payment ordered was compensation for loss suffered by the Applicant as a result of the Respondents' failure to comply with the Letting Agent Code of Practice and was payable by the Respondents. The Respondents did not thereafter confirm that the sum due had been paid. Accordingly, the Tribunal

determined that the Respondents had failed to comply with the Order and that, in terms of Section 50(2) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014, the Tribunal was required to give notice of such failure to Scottish Ministers.

George Clark

Signed:

George Clark, (Legal member/Chair)

14 November 2018