Decision with Statement of Reasons of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) under Rule 26 of The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber (Procedure) Regulations 2017 ("the Rules")

Chamber Ref: FTS/HPC/RE/23/3989

Re: 23 Afton Court, Mossblown, KA6 5DY ("the Property")

Parties:

Jean Munro ("the Applicant")

Walker and Sharpe ("the Applicant's Representative")

Caroline Loughlin ("the Respondent")

Tribunal Member: Martin J. McAllister (Legal Member)

The Tribunal rejects the application by the applicant dated 8 November 2023 which is an application under Section 28 A (1) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act") and Rule 55 of the Rules.

Background

- 1. The Applicant's Representative submitted an application dated 8 November 2023 for assistance with obtaining access to the Property.
- 2. The Tribunal queried the notification for access which had been given to the Respondent and, on 13 December 2023, the Applicant's Representative intimated to the Tribunal that it had written to the respondent seeking access on 10 January 2024.

- 3. On 28 December 2023, the Tribunal wrote to the Applicant's Representative and asked that it advise it, in due course, if the Applicant was successful in obtaining access on 10 January 2024.
- 4. On 16 January, the Tribunal wrote to the Applicant's Representative and requested that it be advised whether access to the Property had been achieved on 10 January 2024. No response has been received from the Applicant or the Applicant's Representative.
- The request for information was in terms of Rule 5 (3) of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber (Procedure) Regulations 2017 ("the Rules").

Decision

6. After consideration of the application, the Legal Member considers that the application should be rejected in terms of Rule 8(1) (c) which states that an application must be rejected if the Tribunal has "good reason to believe that it would not be appropriate to accept the application." The basis of the decision is that the Applicant has failed to comply with Rule 5 (3) of the Rules.

Reasons

7. The Legal Member considered the application in terms of Rule 5 and Rule 55 of the Chamber Procedural Rules. Rule 5 provides: - (1) An application is held to have been made on the date that it is lodged if, on that date, it is lodged in the manner as set out in rules 43, 47 to 50, 55, 59, 61, 65 to 70, 72, 75 to 91, 93 to 95, 98 to 101, 103 or 105 to 111, as appropriate. (2) The Chamber President or another member of the First-tier Tribunal, under the delegated powers of the Chamber President, must determine whether an application has been lodged in the required manner by assessing whether all mandatory requirements for lodgment have been met. (3) If it is determined that an application has not been lodged in the prescribed manner, the Chamber President or another member of the First-tier Tribunal, under the delegated powers of the Chamber President,

may request further documents and the application is to be held to be made on the date that the First-tier Tribunal receives the last of any outstanding documents necessary to meet the requirement manner for lodgment. "

8. The Applicant was asked to provide information in terms of Rule 5 (3) of the Rules and has failed to do so.

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Martin J. McAllister, Legal Member

1 February 2024