Housing and Property Chamber First-tier Tribunal for Scotland

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/EV/19/0373

Re: Property at 32 Tollpark Crescent, Newmains, North Lanarkshire, ML2 9DD ("the Property")

Parties:

Mr Andrew Prentice, Mrs Margaret Prentice, 22 Hillfood Crescent, Branchalwood, Wishaw, North Lanarkshire, ML2 8TL; 22 Hillfoot Crescent, Branchalwood, Wishaw, North Lanarkshire, ML2 8TL ("the Applicant")

Miss Natalie Claire Watson, 32 Tollpark Crescent, Newmains, North Lanarkshire, ML2 9DD ("the Respondent")

Tribunal Members:

Melanie Barbour (Legal Member)

Decision (in absence of the Respondent)

The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) ("the Tribunal") determined that

Background

- An application was received under rule 66 of the First Tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) (Procedure) Regulations 2017 ("the 2017 Rules") seeking recovery of possession under a short assured tenancy by the Applicants against the Respondent for the property.
- 2. The application contained :-
- A copy of the tenancy agreement,
- a copy of AT5 Notice
- a copy of the Section 33
- a copy of Notice to Quit,
- certificate of postal service for the notice to guit and the section 33 notice; and

- Section 11 Notice.
- 3. The Notice of the Hearing had been served on the Respondent by sheriff officers on 18 March 2019.
- 4. The Applicant, Mr Prentice appeared on his own behalf and on behalf of Margaret Prentice. The Respondent did not appear. As I was satisfied that the Respondent had been given formal notice of today's case management discussion I was prepared to proceed in her absence.

Case Management Discussion

5. The Applicant referred me to the papers which had been lodged in support of the application, including the tenancy agreement, AT5 notice, notice to quit, section 33 notices and certificate of service, and section 11 notice.

Findings in Fact

- 6. I found the following facts established:-
- 7. That there was a tenancy agreement between the Applicant and the Respondent in respect of the property.
- 8. That it had commenced on 1 March 2016 for an initial period of 6 months until 1 September 2016 and it was provided in the lease that it would continue on a monthly basis thereafter.
- 9. The tenancy agreement had been signed by the Respondent.
- 10. The AT5 Form was in the prescribed format and was dated 1 March 2016.
- 11. The Notice to Quit and Section 33 Notices contained the prescribed information and both were dated 28 November 2018, both sought vacant possession as at 1 February 2019. Both provided more than 2 months' notice of vacant possession. A postal receipt dated 28 November 2018 for these notices was lodged and it appeared therefore that the notices had been served on the Respondent.

Reasons for Decision

- 12. Section 33 of the 1988 Act requires me to grant an order for possession under a short assured tenancy, where the tenancy has reached its ish; tacit relocation is not operating; no further contractual tenancy for the time being is in existence; and the landlord has given notice to the tenant that they require possession of the house.
- 13. I was satisfied that a short assured tenancy had been created.

- 14.I was satisfied with the terms of the notice to quit and the section 33 notice and it appeared that these notices had been served on the Respondent.
- 15. I was satisfied that the requirements of section 33 had been met and I consider therefore that I am required to grant an order for eviction under section 33 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988.

Decision

I grant an order in favour of the Applicant against the Respondent for recovery of possession of the property.

Right of Appeal

In terms of Section 46 of the Tribunal (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.

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