Decision with Statement of Reasons of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) under Section 16 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014

Chamber Ref: FTS/HPC/CV/19/3870

Re: Property at 160 Potterhill Road, Glasgow, G53 5UU ("the Property")

Parties:

Mrs Josephine McEwan, 70 Argyle Avenue, Dumbarton, G82 3NS per Ms Shabilla Sadiq, TCH Law ("the Applicant")

Mrs Susan McIntosh - previously known as Green, 160 Potterhill Road, Glasgow, G53 5UU per Ms Christine McKellar, Govan Law Centre, ("the Respondent")

Tribunal Members:

David Preston (Legal Member)

Decision (in absence of the Respondent)

The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) ("the Tribunal") determined that the respondent pay to the applicant the sum of £180 as arrears of rent under the tenancy agreement between the parties.

Background

- 1. By application dated 4 December 2019 the Applicant applied to the First-tier Tribunal under Rule 70 of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber (Procedure) Regulations 2017 ("the rules").
- 2. The tribunal considered the following papers:
 - Copy tenancy agreement dated 13 February 2017;
 - Rent Statement up to 4 December 2019;
 - Emails from Ms McKellar dated 26 February and 3 March 2020.

The Case Management Discussion ("CMD")

- 3. Ms Sadiq participated by telephone on behalf of the applicant. The respondent was neither present nor represented.
- 4. The email from Ms McKellar dated 3 March 2020 stated that the respondent admits that she has accrued rent arrears of £180. The email advanced some personal reasons for the situation, but no application had been made for a Time to Pay Order and the tribunal could have no regard to the circumstances.
- 5. The application to the tribunal sought an order for payment against the respondent in the sum of £180

Findings in Fact

- 6. The parties entered into a short assured tenancy agreement dated 13 February 2017.
- 7. The rent contractually due is £550 per calendar month.
- 8. The respondent admitted that the rent arrears of £180 remained outstanding at the date of the CMD.

Reasons for Decision

- 9. Rule 17 of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber (Procedure) Regulations 2017 states that the tribunal may do anything at a Case Management Discussion which it may do at a hearing, including making a decision. The tribunal decided that, on the basis of the information presented to it, to determine the application at the Case Management Discussion.
- 10. The tribunal is satisfied that at the date of the CMD arrears of rent totalling £180 remained outstanding.

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.

| David Preston | 5 March 2020 |
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| Legal Member/Chair | Date |