

Housing and Property Chamber
First-tier Tribunal for Scotland



**DECISION AND STATEMENT OF REASONS OF MORAG LECK, LEGAL MEMBER OF THE
FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL WITH DELEGATED POWERS OF THE CHAMBER PRESIDENT**

Under Rule 8 of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber Rules
of Procedure 2017 ("the Procedural Rules")

in connection with

49 Berwick Crescent, Linwood, PA3 3TF

Case Reference: FTS/HPC/EV/19/0349

Mr Steven Gray and Mrs Rhiannon Gray ("the applicants")

Miss Victoria Cummings and Mr William Higham ("the respondents")

1. On 4th February 2019, an application was received from the applicants. The application was made under Rule 66 of the Procedural Rules being an application for order for possession upon termination of a short assured tenancy. The following documents were enclosed with the application:-

Short Assured Tenancy Agreement

Notice to Quit

Notice under Section 33

Copy of Notice to Local Authority

By letter dated 19th February 2019 the Tribunal requested further information

from the applicants. No response was received and a further letter dated 15th March 2019 was sent by the Tribunal requesting said information. The applicants have failed to respond to this request.

DECISION

2. I considered the application in terms of Rule 8 of the Procedural Rules. That Rule provides:-

"Rejection of application

8.—(1) The Chamber President or another member of the First-tier Tribunal under the delegated powers of the Chamber President, must reject an application if –

- (a) they consider that the application is frivolous or vexatious;*
- (b) the dispute to which the application relates has been resolved;*
- (c) they have good reason to believe that it would not be appropriate to accept the application;*
- (d) they consider that the application is being made for a purpose other than a purpose specified in the application; or*
- (e) the applicant has previously made an identical or substantially similar application and in the opinion of the Chamber President or another member of the First-tier Tribunal, under the delegated powers of the Chamber President, there has been no significant change in any material considerations since the identical or substantially similar application was determined.*

(2) Where the Chamber President, or another member of the First-tier Tribunal, under the delegated powers of the Chamber President, makes a decision under paragraph (1) to reject an application the First-tier Tribunal must notify the applicant and the notification must state the reason for the decision."

3. After consideration of the application, the attachments and correspondence from the applicants, I consider that the application should be rejected on the basis that I have good reason to believe that it would not be appropriate to accept the application within the meaning of Rule 8(1) (c) of the Procedural Rules.

REASONS FOR DECISION

4. The Tribunal has requested further information from the applicants in order to consider whether or not the application must be rejected as frivolous within the meaning of Rule 8(1) (a) of the Procedural Rules. 'Frivolous' in the context of legal proceedings is defined by Lord Justice Bingham in *R v North West Suffolk (Mildenhall) Magistrates Court*, (1998) Env. L.R. 9. At page 16, he states:- "*What the expression means in this context is, in my view, that the court considers the application to be futile, misconceived, hopeless or academic*". It is that definition which I have to consider in this application in order to determine whether or not this application is frivolous, misconceived, and has no prospect of success.
5. The applicants have failed to respond to the Tribunal's request for further information, which information the Tribunal requires in order to determine whether or not the application is frivolous, misconceived, and has no prospect of success. I consider that the applicants' failure to respond to the Tribunal's request gives me good reason to believe that it would not be appropriate to accept the application in circumstances where the applicants are apparently unwilling or unable to respond to the Tribunal's enquiries in order to progress this application.
6. Accordingly, for this reason, this application must be rejected upon the basis that I have good reason to believe that it would not be appropriate to accept the application within the meaning of Rule 8(1) (c) of the Procedural Rules.

What you should do now

If you accept the Legal Member's decision, there is no need to reply.
If you disagree with this decision:-

An applicant aggrieved by the decision of the Chamber President, or any Legal Member acting under delegated powers, 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. Information about the appeal procedure can be forwarded to you on request.



Legal Member
10th April 2019