# Housing and Property Chamber First-tier Tribunal for Scotland



First-tier tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber)

Repairing Standard Enforcement Order (RSEO): Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 Section 24

Chamber Ref: Reference number: FTS/HPC/RP/21/2651

Property: 7 Brannock Place, Newarthill, Motherwell, ML1 5DX ("The property")

Title Number: Lan184860

#### Parties:

Christina Robinson, residing at 7 Brannock Place, Newarthill, Motherwell, ML1 5DX ("the Applicant" and "the Tenant")

#### And

Stewart and Janet Cook, residing at 10 Kilbreck Lane, Motherwell ML1 5HL ("the Respondent" and the Landlord)

### **Tribunal Members:**

## Paul Doyle (Legal Member) Carol Jones (Ordinary Member)

Whereas in terms of their decision dated 4 April 2022, The First-tier tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) ('the tribunal') determined that the landlord has failed to comply with the duty imposed by Section 14 (1)(b) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 ("The Act") and in particular that the landlord has failed to ensure that:-

- (a) The installations in the property for the supply of water, gas and electricity and for sanitation, space heating and heating water are in a reasonable state of repair and in proper working order, in terms of Section 13(1)(c) of the 2006 Act; and
- (b) Any fixtures, fittings and appliances provided by the landlord under the tenancy are in a reasonable state of repair and in proper working order in terms of Section 13(1)(d) of the 2006 Act; and

- (c) The property has satisfactory provision for detecting fires and for giving warning in the event of fire or suspected fire, in terms of Section 13(1)(f) of the 2006 Act; and
- (d) The property has satisfactory provision for giving warning if carbon monoxide is present in a concentration that is hazardous to health, in terms of Section 13(1)(g) of the 2006 Act;

the tribunal now requires the landlord to carry out such work as is necessary for the purposes of ensuring that the house concerned meets the repairing standard and that any damage caused by the carrying out of any work in terms of this Order is made good.

In particular the tribunal requires the landlord to

- (i) Install interlinked smoke and heat detectors within the property, ensuring that they are fully functional and located and powered in accordance with the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Modification of the Repairing Standard) Regulations 2019.
- (ii) Install carbon monoxide detectors in the property to comply with all current regulations and guidance.
- (iii) Instruct a suitably qualified SELECT, NICEIC or NAPIT registered electrician to carry out a certified electrical inspection of the entire electrical installation in the property and all electrical appliances and equipment supplied by the landlord and carry out all necessary remedial works to rectify any identified C1 and C2 categorised areas. Thereafter to provide the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (HPC) with an unqualified EICR and PAT prepared by a suitably qualified SELECT, NICEIC or NAPIT registered contractor.
- (iv) Instruct a suitably qualified Gas Safe registered engineer to repair or replace the gas central heating boiler, radiators and piping. Thereafter to provide the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (HPC) with a satisfactory Gas Safety Record from a suitably qualified and Gas Safe registered heating engineer on the safety of the gas central heating system and all other gas appliances in the property.
- (v) Install a new shower unit in the bathroom.
- (vi) Inspect and then repair or replace the three-piece sanitary suite in the bathroom.
- (vii) Repair or replace the flooring in the living room with a floor surface of comparable standard.
- (viii) Repair or replace the canopy above the front door to the property.

The tribunal order that the works specified in this Order must be carried out and completed within the period of 28 days from the date of service of this Notice.

A landlord, tenant or third party applicant aggrieved by the decision of the tribunal may seek permission to appeal from the First-tier Tribunal on a point of law only within 30 days of the date the decision was sent to them.

Where such an appeal is made, the effect of the decision and of any order is suspended until the appeal is abandoned or finally determined by the Upper Tribunal, and where the appeal is abandoned or finally determined by upholding the decision, the decision and any order will be treated as having effect from the day on which the appeal is abandoned or so determined.

Please note that in terms of section 28(1) of the Act, a landlord who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with a RSEO commits an offence liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale. A landlord (and that includes any landlord's successor in title) also commits an offence if he or she enters into a tenancy or occupancy arrangement in relation to a house at any time during which a RSEO has effect in relation to the house. This is in terms of Section 28(5) of the Act.

In witness whereof these presents type written on this and the preceding page are executed by Paul Doyle, solicitor, 24 Haddington Place, Edinburgh, chairperson of the tribunal at Edinburgh on 4 April 2022 before Emma Doyle, 252 Gorgie Road, Edinburgh

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