

**Rent Assessment Committee: Summary reasons for decision.****Housing Act 1988****Address of Premises**

150 Robin Hood Road  
Woking  
Surrey  
GU21 2LS

**The Committee members were**

Mr I R Mohabir LLB (Hons)  
Mr N I Robinson FRICS  
Miss J Dalal

**1. Background**

On 11<sup>th</sup> December 2006 the tenant of the above property referred to the Committee a notice of increase of rent served by the landlord under section 13 of the Housing Act 1988.

The landlord's notice, which proposed a rent of £750 per month with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007 is dated 14<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

The tenancy is a statutory periodic tenancy by succession which arose on the death of the former tenant. The rent payable is £500.07 per calendar month.

**2. Inspection**

The Committee inspected the property on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2007 and found it to be in poor condition.

**3. Evidence**

The committee received written representations from the landlord and tenant and these were copied to the parties.

Neither party requested a hearing at which oral representations could be made.

#### **4. The law**

In accordance with the terms of section 14 Housing Act 1988 the Committee proceeded to determine the rent at which it considered that the subject property might reasonably be expected to be let on the open market by a willing landlord under an assured tenancy.

In so doing the Committee, as required by section 14(1), ignored the effect on the rental value of the property of any relevant tenant's improvements as defined in section 14(2) of that Act.

In coming to its decision the Committee had regard to the evidence supplied by the parties and the members' own general knowledge of market rent levels in the area of Woking and concluded that an appropriate market rent for the property would be £650 per month.

#### **5. The decision**

The Committee therefore concluded that the rent at which the property might reasonably be expected to be let on the open market would be £650 per month.

This rent will take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007 being the date specified by the landlord in the notice of increase.

Chairman      Signed  
                    Mr I R Mohabir LLB (Hons)

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Dated            1<sup>st</sup> February 2007

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