

Housing and Property Chamber

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland



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

Property Factor Enforcement Order (“PFEO”): Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011 Section 19(3)

Chamber Ref : FTS/HPC/PF/19/0691

**22 and 24 Beauly Place, East Kilbride, G74 1DD
("the Property")**

The Parties:-

Mrs Kathryn Forbes, residing at 32 Macdonald Avenue, East Kilbride, G74 4SN (“the Homeowner and Applicant”), represented by Mrs Eileen McCallum

South Lanarkshire Council, Factoring Services, Hamilton Business Unit, Pollock Avenue Hillhouse, Hamilton, ML3 9SZ (“the Factor and Respondent”)

Tribunal Members:-

Patricia Anne Pryce	-	Chairing and Legal Member
David Godfrey	-	Ordinary Member (Surveyor)

This document should be read in conjunction with the First-tier Tribunal’s Decision of 16 July 2019.

Decision

The Tribunal has decided that it should make a PFEO in the terms originally proposed by it.

The decision of the Tribunal is unanimous.

Reasons for Decision

In the Tribunal’s decision of 16 July 2019, it proposed to make a PFEO as follows:

Within 28 days of the date of communication to the Respondent of the property factor enforcement order, the Respondent must:-

1. Pay to the Applicant the sum of £500.
2. Amend its written statement of services (WSS) as follows:-
 - (i) To include timescales in respect of which the Respondent will respond to enquiries.
 - (ii) To make reference to its complaints procedure together with where this can be found.
3. Provide documentary evidence to the tribunal of the Respondent's compliance with the above Property Factor Enforcement Order by sending such evidence to the office of the First-tier Tribunal (Housing and Property Chamber) by recorded delivery post.

The Tribunal indicated that prior to making a property factor enforcement order, it would provide the parties with a period of fourteen days within which to make representations under section 19(2)(b) of the Act.

The Tribunal's decision was intimated to the parties by letter and email dated 18 July 2019.

The Tribunal received no representations from either party.

The Tribunal therefore unanimously confirms its decision of 16 July 2019 that a PFEO should be made, as noted below.

Property Factor Enforcement Order

The First-tier Tribunal hereby makes the following PFEO:

Within 28 days of the date of communication to the Respondent of the property factor enforcement order, the Respondent must:-

1. Pay to the Applicant the sum of £500.
2. Amend its written statement of services (WSS) as follows:-
 - (i) To include timescales in respect of which the Respondent will respond to enquiries.
 - (ii) To make reference to its complaints procedure together with where this can be found.
3. Provide documentary evidence to the tribunal of the Respondent's compliance with the above Property Factor Enforcement Order by sending such evidence to the office of the First-tier Tribunal (Housing and Property Chamber) by recorded delivery post.

Under Section 24(1) of the Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011, a person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with a property factor enforcement order commits an offence.

Appeals

A homeowner or property factor 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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Patricia Pryce

Legal Member and Chair

4 August 2019 _____ Date