

Housing and Property Chamber

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland



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**Proposal regarding the making of a Property Factor Enforcement Order:
Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011 Section 19(2)**

Chamber Reference: FTS/HPC/PF/23/2978

Property address: 5 Wallfield Place, First Floor Left, Aberdeen, AB25 2JS ("the Property")

The Parties

Mrs Bea Hawkes, 5 Wallfield Place, First Floor Left, Aberdeen, AB25 2JS ("the Homeowner")

Newton Property Management Limited, 87 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow, G4 0HF ("the Property Factor")

This document should be read in conjunction with the First-tier Tribunal's Decision of the same date.

The First-tier Tribunal proposes to make the following Property Factor Enforcement Order ("PFEO"):

"The Property Factor is required to carry out the following within 21 days of issue of the PFEO:

- (i) Remove or correct their response to the Trustpilot review. If the Property Factor chooses to correct the response, they should ensure that the correct timescales in relation to the matter of the lock issues and the break-in are reflected.
- (ii) Arrange a programme of training for relevant staff to ensure they carry out the services provided to homeowners using reasonable care and skill and in a timely way. If this training has already been provided, the Property Factor must lodge evidence of this.
- (iii) Pay to the Homeowner within 14 days of intimation to them of the PFEO the sum of £250 from their own funds to compensate the Homeowner for the distress, frustration and inconvenience caused as a result of the Property Factor's failure to comply with the Code of Conduct for Property Factors."

Section 19 of the 2011 Act provides as follows:

"(2) In any case where the First-tier Tribunal proposes to make a property factor enforcement order, it must before doing so—

(a) give notice of the proposal to the property factor, and

(b) allow the parties an opportunity to make representations to it.

(3) If the First-tier Tribunal is satisfied, after taking account of any representations made under subsection (2)(b), that the property factor has failed to carry out the property factor's duties or, as the case may be, to comply with the section 14 duty, the First-tier Tribunal must make a property factor enforcement order."

The intimation of the First-tier Tribunal's Decision and this proposed PFEO to the parties should be taken as notice for the purposes of section 19(2)(a) and parties are hereby given notice that they should ensure that any written representations which they wish to make under section 19(2)(b) reach the First-tier Tribunal by no later than 14 days after the date that the Decision and this proposed PFEO is sent to them by the First-tier Tribunal. If no representations are received within that timescale, then the First-tier Tribunal is likely to proceed to make a PFEO without seeking further representations from the parties.

Failure to comply with a PFEO may have serious consequences and may constitute an offence.

Right of Appeal

In terms of section 46 of the Tribunals (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.

