



Decision of the Homeowner Housing Committee issued under the Homeowner Housing Panel (Applications and Decisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2012

hohp Ref: HOHP/PF/15/0126

Re: Property known as Royal Apartments, Union Street, Dundee DD1 (collectively “the Property”)

The Parties:-

Jim Mannix, 38 Brook Court, Monkstown, County Dublin, Republic of Ireland A94 Y5A4 (“the Applicant”)

Property Factor: Be-Factored Ltd, 2a North Kirklands, Eaglesham Road, Glasgow G76 0NT (“the Respondent”)

**Decision by a Committee of the Homeowner Housing Panel
In an Application under section 17 of the Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011**

Committee Members:

John McHugh (Chairman); David Hughes Hallett (Housing Member).

Decision

The Committee hereby determines that the Property Factor Enforcement Order has not been complied with.

The decision is unanimous.

Reasons for Decision

The Committee issued a Property Factor Enforcement Order (“PFEO”) on 11 March 2016.

In terms of section 23(1) of the 2011 Act, the Committee is to determine whether the Respondent has complied with the PFEO.

The Committee gave consideration to the extent to which the PFEO had been complied with.

The Committee gave consideration to the Respondent's written response received on 24 March 2016 and to the Applicant's email of 21 March 2016.

The PFEO required the provision of certain information. It is evident that the documentation supplied by the Respondent falls well short of what is required by the PFEO.

The most obvious omission is the certificate which was required to be obtained from an independent Chartered Accountant. That requirement was a key part of the PFEO and was included in order to provide confidence to the Committee (and to the Applicant) that the information provided in compliance with the PFEO was accurate.

It is impossible to have confidence that what has been provided is a full accounting reconciliation of all relevant financial intromissions as required by the PFEO and the Committee does not find what has been produced by the Respondent to be clear in its terms or to meet the terms of the PFEO.

Certainly the Respondent has failed to produce all invoices and receipts as required (none have been produced).

The Committee accordingly hereby finds that the PFEO has not been complied with.

Effect of Decision

Notice of the failure to comply will be sent to the Scottish Ministers in accordance with section 23(2) of the 2011 Act.

Appeals

The parties' attention is drawn to the terms of section 22 of the 2011 Act regarding their right to appeal and the time limit for doing so. It provides:

"...(1)An appeal on a point of law only may be made by summary application to the sheriff against a decision of the president of the homeowner housing panel or a homeowner housing committee.

(2)An appeal under subsection (1) must be made within the period of 21 days beginning with the day on which the decision appealed against is made..."

Signed

Date14 April 2016.....

JOHN M MCHUGH

Chairperson