

Notice of the Tribunal Decision

Rent Act 1977 Schedule 11

Address of Premises

G/F/S floor 234 Merton Road
Wandsworth
London SW18 5JQ

The Tribunal members were

Mr N Martindale FRICS

Landlord

Northumberland & Durham Property Trust

Tenant

Mrs Lilian Smith

1. The fair rent is

£286

Per

week

(excluding water rates and council tax but including any amounts in paras 3&4)

2. The effective date is

26 November 2024

3. The amount for services is

nil

Per

negligible/not applicable

4. The amount for fuel charges (excluding heating and lighting of common parts) not counting for rent allowance is

nil

Per

negligible/not applicable

5. The rent is NOT to be registered as variable.

6. The capping provisions of the Rent Acts (Maximum Fair Rent) Order 1999 apply.

7. Details (other than rent) where different from Rent Register entry

As register entry

8. For information only:

The fair rent to be registered is the maximum fair rent as prescribed by the Rent Acts (Maximum Fair Rent) Order 1999. As the rent was above the MFR, it is capped. The uncapped Fair Rent without the MFR capping provisions, would otherwise be £360 per week.

Chairman

N A Martindale

Date of decision

26 November 2024

MAXIMUM FAIR RENT CALCULATION

LATEST RPI FIGURE (2 months prior) X		388.60			
PREVIOUS RPI FIGURE (2 months prior) Y		343.20			
X	388.60	Minus Y	343.20	= (A)	45.40
(A)	45.40	Divided by Y	343.20	= (B)	0.1323

First application for re-registration since 1 February 1999 NO

If yes (B) plus 1.075 = (C)					
If no (B) plus 1.05 = (C)	1.1823				
Last registered rent*	£241.50 pw	Multiplied by (C) =	£285.53 pw		
*(exclusive of any variable service charge)					
Rounded up to nearest 50p =	£286.00 pw				
Variable service charge	NO				
If YES add amount for services					
MAXIMUM FAIR RENT =	£286.00	Per	week		

Explanatory Note

1. The calculation of the maximum fair rent, in accordance with the formula contained in the Order, is set out above.
2. In summary, the formula provides for the maximum fair rent to be calculated by:
 - (a) increasing the previous registered rent by the percentage change in the retail price index (the RPI) since the date of that earlier registration and
 - (b) adding a further 7.5% (if the present application was the first since 1 February 1999) or 5% (if it is a second or subsequent application since that date).
 A 7.5% increase is represented, in the calculation set out above, by the addition of 1.075 to (B) and an increase of 5% is represented by the addition of 1.05 to (B).
 The result is rounded up to the nearest 50 pence.
3. For the purposes of the calculation the latest RPI figure (x) is that published in the calendar month immediately before the month in which the Tribunal's fair rent determination was made.
4. The process differs where the tenancy agreement contains a variable service charge and the rent is to be registered as variable under section 71(4) of the Rent Act 1977. In such a case the variable service charge is removed before applying the formula. When the amount determined by the application of the formula is ascertained the service charge is then added to that sum in order to produce the maximum fair rent.