



**FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL
PROPERTY CHAMBER
(RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY)**

Case Reference : **HAV/00HB/MNR/2024/0643**

Property : **Room 2
167 Wells Road
Totterdown
Bristol
BS4 2BU**

Applicant Tenant : **Mr N Cook**

Representative : **None**

Respondent Landlords : **Mr N Ahmed**

Representative : **Elite Properties**

Type of Application : **Determination of a Market Rent sections
13 & 14 of the Housing Act 1988**

Tribunal Members : **Mr I R Perry FRICS
Mr M C Woodrow MRICS
Judge C Rai**

Date of Application : **26th November 2024**

Date of Decision : **10th February 2025**

DECISION

The Tribunal determines a rent of £650 per calendar month with effect from 1st December 2024.

SUMMARY REASONS

Background

1. On 25th October 2024 the Landlord's Agent served a notice under Section 13(2) of the Housing Act 1988 which proposed a new rent of £800 per month in place of the existing rent of £650 per month to take effect from 1st December 2024.
2. On 26th November 2024 under Section 13(4)(a) of the Housing Act 1988, the Tenant referred the Landlord's notice proposing a new rent to the Tribunal for determination of a market rent.

Inspection

3. The Tribunal did not inspect the property but considered this case based on the papers provided by the parties and information freely available on the internet.

Evidence

4. The Tribunal has considered the written submissions provided by the Tenant. There were no written submissions from the Landlord. Neither party offered any evidence of comparable rents.

Determination and Valuation

5. Having given consideration to the submission provided by the parties and of its own expert, general knowledge of rental values in the area, the Tribunal determines that the open market rent for the property in good tenable condition would be £650 per calendar month.
6. The Tribunal therefore decided that the rent at which the subject property might reasonably be expected to be let in the open market by a willing Landlord under the terms of this assured tenancy was £650 per month.
7. The Tenant made no representation that the starting date for the new rent specified in the Landlord's notice would cause the Tenant undue hardship.
8. Accordingly, the Tribunal directed that the new rent of £650 per month should take effect from 1st December 2024 this being the date specified in the notice.

APPEAL PROVISIONS

These summary reasons are provided to give the parties an indication as to how the Tribunal made its decision. If either party wishes to appeal this decision, they should first make a request for full reasons and the details of how to appeal will be set out in the full reasons. Any request for full reasons should be made within a month. Any subsequent application for permission to appeal should be made on Form RP PTA.