

FIRST - TIER TRIBUNAL PROPERTY CHAMBER (RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY)

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DECISION

The sum of £2,018.00 per calendar month will be registered as the fair rent with effect from 2 April 2025, being the date the Tribunal made the Decision.

SUMMARY REASONS

Background

1. Following an objection from the Landlord to the determination of a fair rent by the Rent Officer, the Tribunal has made a determination under the provisions of the Rent Act 1977.

Inspection

2. The Tribunal did not inspect the property but considered this case on the basis of the papers provided by the parties.

Evidence

3. There were no written submissions from the parties.

Determination and Valuation

4. Having regard to our own expert, general knowledge of rental values in the area, we consider that the open market rent for the property in its current condition would be in the region of £3,500 per calendar month. From this level of rent we have made adjustments of 25% in relation to:

Terms of tenancy Minor repairs Curtains and carpets White goods Tenant's kitchen

- 5. The Tribunal has also made an adjustment of 20% for scarcity.
- 6. The valuation is shown below:

Market Rent	£3,500 per calendar month
Less 25%	£2,625.00 per calendar month
Less scarcity of 20%	£2,100.00

7. The Tribunal determines a rent of £2,100 per calendar month

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8. The uncapped fair rent initially determined by the Tribunal, for the purposes of section 70, was £2,100 per calendar month. The capped rent for the property according to the provisions of the Rent Acts (Maximum Fair Rent) Order 1999 is calculated at £2,018.00 per calendar month. The calculation of the capped rent is shown on the decision form. In this case the lower rent of £2,018.00 per calendar month is to be registered as the fair rent or this property.

Chairman: Judge Tagliavini

Date: 2 April 2025

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