

FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL PROPERTY CHAMBER (RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY)

Case Reference HAV/00HC/MNR/2025/0702

Hannah More Cottage

Tyntesfield Estate

Property Wraxall

Bristol BS48 1NS

Applicant Tenant Mr K Osman

Representative None

Respondent Landlord National Trust

Representative None

Determination of a Market Rent sections Type of Application

13 & 14 of the Housing Act 1988

Mr I R Perry FRICS Tribunal Members :

Mr S J Hodges FRICS

Date of Application 27th May 2025

Date of Decision 28th July 2025

DECISION

The Tribunal determines a rent of £1,705 per calendar month with effect from 21st June 2025.

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SUMMARY REASONS

Background

- 1. On 7^{th} May 2025 the Landlord served a notice under Section 13(2) of the Housing Act 1988 which proposed a new rent of £1,750 per month in place of the existing rent of £1,590 per month to take effect from 21st June 2025.
- 2. On 27th May 2025 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 and the Landlord.

Determination and Valuation

- 5. Having given consideration to the comparable evidence 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 tenantable condition** would be £1,800 per calendar month.
- 6. Such a tenancy would normally include white goods, curtains or blinds and associated fittings to all be provided by the Landlord.
- 7. In this case the property is not let in such condition or with white goods and curtains all supplied so some adjustments to the 'open market rent' are necessary.
- 8. The full valuation is shown below:

Full open market rent in good condition	£1,800
Less deductions for:-	
Tenants' provision of white goods Tenant's provision of curtains/blinds General wants of repair/tired condition	£30 £15 £50
TOTAL RENT PAYABLE PER MONTH	£1,705

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- 9. 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 £1,705 per month.
- 10. 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.
- 11. Accordingly, the Tribunal directed that the new rent of £1,705 per month should take effect from 21^{st} June 2025 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.