



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

Case Reference : **BIR/37UE/F77/2026/0008**

Property : **15 Broadmere Court
Arnold
Nottingham
NG5 8AS**

Tenant : **Mrs G E Weatherbred**

Landlord : **The Guinness Partnership**

Date of Objection : **9th January 2026**

Type of Application : **Section 70 Rent Act 1977**

Tribunal Members : **Mr G S Freckelton FRICS (Chairman)
Mrs S Sahota**

Date of Decision : **9th July 2026**

Date of Issue : **29 July 2026**

DECISION

The sum of £6,228.00 per annum will be registered as the fair rent with effect from 9th July 2026 being the date the Tribunal made the Decision.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

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 and having regard to its own knowledge, expertise and online research.

Evidence

3. The Tribunal has considered the written submissions provided by the parties as received.
4. From the information provided it appears that the subject property comprises of a self-contained flat with the following accommodation:

Living Room, Kitchen, one bedroom, Bathroom. Store.

There is understood to be full central heating and double glazing.

5. The landlord in its RR1 Application sent to the Rent Officer Service requested a rent of £90.47 per week including services of £26.32 (variable). The Rent Officer fixed a rent of £6,318.00 per annum (£121.50 per week) including £2,041.57 per annum services which the Tribunal calculates to be £39.26 per week. The landlord has provided a schedule of service charges confirming a charge of £38.85 per week. There is also a letter from the landlord to the tenant dated 1st February 2025 advising her the service charge will be £32.92 plus a Private Charge of £5.94. This equates to £38.86 per week. There is a further statement to the tenant from the landlord confirming that there has been an overpayment of £893.89 on the previous years' service charge. The Tribunal therefore has little option but to deduce that the amount of service charge requested (£26.32) is the amount sought having made allowance for the overpayment.
6. To say that the Tribunal is confused is something of an understatement. We have not been provided with any submissions from the tenant (which is not surprising under the circumstances) and no submissions from the landlord as to why they are submitting this appeal. This places the Tribunal in the invidious position of attempting to almost 'second guess' the parties (and particularly the landlords')

intentions. Neither party completed and returned the Tribunal's Reply Forms. It is also noted that the previous Registration was made in November 2013.

Determination and Valuation

7. On consideration of the evidence provided to it, that forwarded by the Rent Officer and the Tribunal's own expert knowledge of rental values in the area, the Tribunal considers that the open market rent for the property in a satisfactory condition would be in the region of £825.00 per month (£9,900.00pa) including service charge. The Tribunal sees no reason to vary the service charge requested by the landlord. From this level of rent, the Tribunal has made adjustments in respect of the following:

- a) Curtains, carpets and white goods assumed to be fitted by the Tenant.
- b) The Tenant's liability to redecorate.

8. The Tribunal has also made an adjustment for scarcity using their own general knowledge and experience. The Tribunal considers that in the wider geographical area there is an imbalance of supply and demand impacting on rental values and has, therefore, made a reduction of 20% for scarcity.

9. The full valuation is shown below:

Market Rent		£825.00
<u>Less</u>		
a) Items given under a) above	£100.00	
b) <u>Tenant's internal decoration liability @ 5% say</u>	<u>£41.00</u>	
	£141.00	
<u>Less</u>		
Scarcity @ 20%	<u>£165.00</u>	
		<u>£306.00</u>
		£519.00

10. The Tribunal determines an uncapped rent of £519.00 per month (£6,228.00 pa).

Decision

11. The uncapped fair rent determined by the Tribunal, for the purposes of section 70, is therefore £6,228.00 per annum from 9th July 2026. The maximum fair rent permitted by the Rent Acts (Maximum Fair Rent) Order 1999 is £7,428.64 per annum. This therefore has no impact on the rent determined by the Tribunal because it is above the fair rent of £6,228.00 determined by the Tribunal. The calculation of the capped rent is shown on the decision form.

APPEAL PROVISIONS

If either party is dissatisfied with this decision, they may apply for permission to appeal to the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber) **on any point of law arising from this Decision**. Prior to making such an appeal, an application must be made, in writing, to this Tribunal for permission to appeal. Any such application must be made within 28 days of the issue of this statement of reasons (regulation 52 (2) of The Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (Property Chamber) Rules 2013) stating the grounds upon which it is intended to rely in the appeal.

Notice of the Tribunal Decision

Rent Act 1977 Schedule 11

Address of Premises

15 Broadmere Court
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Nottingham
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The Tribunal members were

Mr G S Freckelton FRICS
Mrs S Sahota

Landlord

The Guinness Partnership

Tenant

Mrs G E Weatherbred

1. The fair rent is

£6,228.00

Per

annum

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

2. The effective date is

9th July 2026

3. The amount for services is

£1,368.64

Per

annum

Applicable/not applicable

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

N/A

Per

N/A

Not applicable

5. The rent is/~~is not~~ to be registered as variable.

6. The capping provisions of the Rent Acts (Maximum Fair Rent) Order 1999 apply/~~do not apply~~ (please see calculation overleaf).

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

8. For information only:

The fair rent to be registered is not limited by the Rent Acts (Maximum Fair Rent) Order 1999, because it is below the maximum fair rent of £7,428.64 permitted by the Order.

Chairman

G S Freckelton FRICS

Date of decision

9h July 2026

MAXIMUM FAIR RENT CALCULATION

LATEST RPI FIGURE X 415.3

PREVIOUS RPI FIGURE Y 252.1

X 415.3 Minus Y 252.1 = (A) 163.2

(A) 163.2 Divided by Y 252.1 = (B) 0.6473

First application for re-registration since 1 February 1999 YES/NO

If yes (B) plus 1.075 = (C)

If no (B) plus 1.05 = (C) 1.6973

Last registered rent* £3,588.00 Multiplied by (C) = £6,089.91

*(exclusive of any variable service charge)

Rounded up to nearest 50p = £6,090.00

Variable service charge YES

If YES add amount for services £1,368.34

MAXIMUM FAIR RENT = **£7,428.64** Per **annum**

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.