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FIRST – TIER TRIBUNAL PROPERTY CHAMBER (RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY)

Case Reference

:

BIR/37UD/LAC/2012/0012

Property

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7 Riddles Court Watnall Nottingham

NG16 1LB

Applicants

Mr Berardino Romano and Mr

Marcos Sala

Representative

In person by Mr Berardino

Romano

Respondent

OM Property Management No 2

Limited

Representative

Ms Misbah Khan

Type of Application

Application for a determination as to liability to pay and reasonableness of a variable administration charge

pursuant to Schedule 11 to the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform

Act

Tribunal Members

Mr Roger Healey (Chairman) and Mr

Vernon Ward FRICS

Date and venue of

Hearing

24 June 2013 at Nottingham

Magistrates' Court

Date of Decision

1 N JUL 2013

DECISION

Introduction

- 1. This is an application by Mr Berardino Romano and Mr Marcos Sala ("the Applicants") in respect of their liability to pay and reasonableness of a variable administration charge demanded by OM Property Management No 2 Limited ("the Respondents").
- 2. The Applicants are joint leaseholders of 7 Riddles Court Watnall Nottingham ("the Property") by virtue of an Underlease dated 30 November 2004 made between Bellway Homes Limited (1) and Chaworth Place Management Company Limited (2) for a term of 150 years commencing 6 January 2004.
- 3. The variable administration charges arise out of the late payment of service charges for the service charge years 2008, 2009 and 2010.
- 4. The Applicants apply for an order that any costs incurred in connection with proceedings before the Tribunal are not treated as relevant costs to be taken into account in determining the amount of any service charge payable by the Applicants.
- 5. The parties prepared a Scott Schedule which is before the Tribunal.

Service charge year 2008

6. The parties agree that the late payment charge of £57.50 be deleted.

Service charge year 2009

- 7. The parties agree the charges for the Tenant Letter of £86.25 be deleted.
- 8. The parties agree the administration charge of £ 58.75 was never charged to the account.

Service charge year 2010

9. The parties agree an administration charge of £58.75 was charged to the account and that it be deleted.

Costs

10. Ms Misbah Khan on behalf of the Respondent undertook that no costs incurred in connection with the proceedings are to be regarded as relevant costs to be taken into account in determining any service charge payable by the Applicants and requested that on the basis of this undertaking no 20C order be made.

Determination

- 11. The agreement set out above appearing just and equitable to the Tribunal it is determined –
- For the service charge year 2008 the sum of £57.50 is deleted.
- For the service charge year 2009 the sum of £86.25 is deleted.
- For the service charge year 2010 the sum of £58.75 is deleted.
- The Tribunal accepts the undertaking given by the Respondent that the costs incurred in connection with the proceedings are not to be regarded as relevant costs to be taken into account in determining any service charge payable by the Applicants and on that understanding no section 20C order is made.

Roger Healey Chairman

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Roger Healey Chairman