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OUR AGREEMENT

Marketing, Letting & Managing your property with
Brand Vaughan

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Our Agreement

PERSONAL DETAILS

Property Address

Landlord 1 Name

Landlord 1 Address

Landlord 1 Contact

Home:

Mobile:

Work:

Email:

Landlord 2 Name

Landlord 2 Address

Landlord 2 Contact

Home:

Mobile:

Work:

Email:

Company Name*

Correspondence Address

*Please refer to Terms & Conditions for further information.

CLIENT IDENTITY VERIFICATION

Please supply one of each from the following list for ID verification:

Photo ID Passport/Driving Licence

Proof of Address Utility Bill or Council Tax Bill

Proof of Ownership

Title Deeds, Correspondence from Mortgage Company / Documents Relating to Ground Rent*

*Please refer to 'Landlord's Essential Guide' for further information.

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Two forms of ID must be provided for all Landlords / legal owners of the Property, in accordance with the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. Identity must be verified before instruction taken. Inspecting documents is sufficient for instruction but ultimately We must obtain a copy prior to the start of the Tenancy. By signing this Agreement, You agree to such checks being carried out should We deem them appropriate.

INSPECTED

REQUESTED COPY

OBTAINED

FINANCIAL SERVICES

As a valued client of Brand Vaughan, you are entitled to a FREE mortgage review and services from our in-house Mortgage Advisor, a service provided by our partner, Finance Planning Group.

I would like a Financial Advisor to contact me to discuss my financial requirements:

Yes

No

In accordance with the Estate Agents (Provisions of Information) Regulations 1991, we are obliged to inform you that we intend offering to Landlords and prospective Tenants conveyancing, legal products, mortgage and estate agency services and any other special offers that may be available from time to time. As a valued client of Brand Vaughan, you are entitled to a FREE mortgage review and services from our in house Mortgage Advisors, who are part of Finance Planning Group. There is no fee for broker services provided via Brand Vaughan.

YOUR HOME MAY BE REPOSSESSED IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON YOUR MORTGAGE.

BANK DETAILS

Landlord 1
Account Name

Landlord 1
Account Number

Sort Code

Bank

Address

Split of Rent to
be paid to this
A/C

%

Landlord 2
Account Name

Landlord 2
Account Number

Sort Code

Bank

Address

Split of Rent to
be paid to this
A/C

OVERSEAS LANDLORD REGISTRATION (HMRC Non-Resident Landlord Scheme)*

I will be a permanent UK Resident during the Tenancy

I will not be a permanent UK Resident during the Tenancy

NRL Exemption Number

Expiry Date

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I will not be a permanent UK Resident during the Tenancy

NRL Exemption Number

Expiry Date

*This section must be completed if You are not a permanent UK resident. Please refer to the Terms & Conditions for further information.

GENERAL
INFORMATION

Preferred tenancy start
date:

Initial marketing price
(per calendar month):

Type of property:

Rental preferences

Students

Pets

6 Months:

Furnished:

Bedrooms:

12 Months:

Part-
Furnished:

Reception
Rooms:

12 months with a 6 month
break clause

Unfurnished

Bathrooms

Approx.
year
built:

Yes No

SERVICE AND FEES

All Fees are inclusive of VAT

Our Core Fees agreed are detailed below:

Tenancy Arrangement Fee

This is payable in full and will be taken out of the first months rental payment

Managed Service Fee

This will be payable monthly and we will undertake full management responsibilities on Your behalf.

*Please see schedule of fees for additional fees

Fee

RENT & LEGAL PROTECTION (SUBJECT TO OUR 'TERMS & CONDITIONS').

If you appoint Brand Vaughan as Agent, Your Rental income will be fully protected and will also include legal costs to obtain possession if the Tenant fails to pay the Rent, as stated in the Tenancy Agreement. In the event an order for possession is obtained, 90% of the Rent payable will be paid for a maximum period of six weeks or until re-let, whichever is the sooner.

Please see the 'Terms & Conditions' for further information.

I, the Landlord, acknowledge and agree to Brand Vaughan providing Rent & Legal Protection as per the 'Terms & Conditions'.

If You are an existing Landlord signing new Terms of Business and You have opted for Rent & Legal Protection mid-Tenancy i.e. after the commencement of the Tenancy Agreement, You will only benefit from the service after 60 Days but will be subject to charges as per Our Schedule of Fees. The Tenant must not accrue any Rent arrears which have not been paid in full, before the 60 Day timescale, or the service will be cancelled on Day 61.

☐ Please tick this box if You wish to opt out of the Rent & Legal Protection.

NO DEPOSIT SCHEME

A New Way to Rent Property Without the Hassle of a Deposit: Helping You to Rent Your Property Quickly and Securely

The No Deposit Scheme is an alternative to the traditional Tenancy Deposit. Every time We let Your Property We will give the Tenant the choice to pay a traditional Deposit or utilise the No Deposit Scheme, whereby a further monthly payment is paid to the Agent in addition to the rental amount. The Tenant is still liable for any damages and the Agent will always try to recover any dilapidations or Rent arrears at the end of the Tenancy. If Your Tenant chooses the No Deposit Scheme option, the Agent will indemnify you in the sum of 8 Weeks' rental amount should the tenant fail in their obligations at the end of the tenancy, making this a direct replacement for a traditional Deposit. By selecting Our Managed or Part Managed service, You agree that We will offer the No Deposit Scheme as an option to Tenants when marketing Your Property.

Please see the Terms & Conditions for further information.

☐ Please tick this box if You wish to opt out of the No Deposit Scheme.

ENERGY

Your Agent's Relationship With The Energy Supplier

The Landlord hereby authorises Brand Vaughan, as its Agent, to appoint the Energy supplier for Electricity and/or Gas, however, this will not prevent the Landlord from changing to a different Energy provider if desired. The Landlord agrees that Brand Vaughan may pass the Landlord's name and contact details to the Energy supplier for the purposes of:

- (a) registering the Electricity and/or Gas meters at the Property with the Energy supplier, providing Electricity and Gas to the Property and administering the Landlord's account.

(b) registering the Landlord with the relevant local authority for the payment of Council Tax.

(c) registering the Landlord with the incumbent Water Supplier to the Property. The Water Supplier may contact the Landlord in order to provide further information about its services and products and conclude an agreement with the Landlord for those services and products. The Tenant(s) in occupation, for the duration of the Tenancy, will be inherently responsible for the services detailed above.

☐ I, the Landlord, acknowledge and agree to Brand Vaughan appointing the Energy supplier.

☐ By opting out, I understand that an administration charge of £30.00 (inc VAT) will apply and that the Agent will manage the Utilities on my behalf.

A tick is required against each category below, or You can select one of Our Compliance Packages. All are legal requirements to rent out Your Property.

Individual Certificates

Gas Safety Record

(Only required for properties with a Gas supply. If a valid Gas Safety Record is not provided at least seven days prior to a Tenancy commencing, We will arrange for a safety check to be carried out on the Landlord's behalf at the Landlord's expense.)

I/We will provide a valid Gas Safety Record from a Gas Safe registered Gas Engineer.

I/We authorise the Agent to obtain a Gas Safety Record on my/our behalf. *Charges will apply as per the Schedule of Fees

There is no gas supply to the Property.

Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR)

(This must be provided no less than seven days before the start of the Tenancy.)

I/We will provide a valid Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR) from a suitably qualified electrician.

I/We authorise the Agent to obtain an Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR) on my/our behalf.

*Charges will apply as per the Schedule of Fees

Portable Appliance Test (PAT)

(Appliances within one year of purchase date are not required to be tested. This must be provided no less than seven days before the start of the Tenancy.)

I/We will provide a valid Portable Appliance Test (PAT) report covering applicable appliances from a suitably qualified electrician.

I/We authorise the Agent to obtain a Portable Appliance Test (PAT) on my/our behalf. *Charges will apply as per the Schedule of Fees

Smoke Alarms & Carbon Monoxide Detectors

(There must be a working smoke alarm on each level of the property and a working carbon monoxide alarm in each room where there is a combustible appliance)

I/We will arrange for the Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms to be tested prior to the tenancy commencing and provide evidence to the agent.

I/We authorise the Agent to test the Smoke & Carbon Monoxide alarms to be tested prior to the commencement of the tenancy on my/our behalf.

*Charges will apply as per the Schedule of Fees

Legionella Risk Assessment

(If the Landlord does not present a valid Legionella Risk Assessment or instruct Us to obtain one on their behalf, they are agreeing to full liability for non-compliance. HSE regulations can impose fines or imprisonment for non-compliance.)

I/We will provide a valid Legionella Risk Assessment from a qualified assessor.

I/We authorise the Agent to obtain Legionella Risk Assessment on my/our behalf. *Charges will apply as per the Schedule of Fees

In order to comply with the Data Protection Act of 2018 and Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (amendments etc) (EU Exit) regulations 2019 (SI 2019/429), to prevent any unauthorised access to or use of personal data, the Agent has the responsibility to keep the Landlord's personal information and that of any Tenant or Occupier confidential, and will only use the personal information of the Landlord if fees are not paid and the Agent wishes to refer the matter to a Solicitor; or if the Agent is specifically required to divulge the information by law; or pass it to a Government Agency by law; or to comply with any terms of this Agreement. Please refer to Our website for Our Privacy & Cookies Policy which explains the use We make of personal data We receive in the course of Our work including details of how to contact Our Data Protection Officer. You can find this at hove@brandvaughan.co.uk.

Data Protection – Your Obligations

If You send Us personal data about anyone other than yourself You agree that You will ensure You have any appropriate consents and notices in place to enable You to transfer that personal data to Us, and so that We may use it for the purposes for which You provide it to Us. This will enable Us to use it for the purposes You have provided it.

Keeping You Informed

From time to time, We like to send past and present clients information that We think might be of interest to them. That can include bulletins about the state of the market, properties or publicity information about Us and Our services. Please indicate if You are happy to receive such information. You can change Your mind at any time, so if You later want to opt out just let Us know by telling one of Our team when speaking to them, using the unsubscribe option on any email received or emailing Us at comms@lomond.group.

Landlord 1

I am happy to receive such information

☐

I do not want to receive such information

☐

Landlord 2

I am happy to receive such information

☐

I do not want to receive such information

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Data Protection in Respect of Anti-Money Laundering Checks

We are subject to the Money Laundering Regulations 2017. As a result, We will need to obtain and hold evidence confirming Your identity, proof of Your address and source/destination of funds. This will include utility bills and photographic ID. Any personal data We receive from You in respect of Our money laundering checks will only be processed for the purposes of preventing money laundering and terrorist financing, or as otherwise permitted by law or with Your express consent. You are informed that We may retain such data for longer than the five year statutory period. If We suspect that a supplier (customer/ client or employee) is committing a money laundering offence as defined by the Proceeds of Crime Act, We will in accordance with Our legal responsibilities disclose the suspicion to the National Crime Agency.

Personal Interest

As per ARLA Guidelines/Consumer Right Act 2015/The Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977, We require You to disclose any personal relationship between yourself or Your relatives and Brand Vaughan or any employee member, so that all Parties to any transaction are aware of possible conflicts of interest.

I am not aware of any such relationship

☐

I am aware of the following relationship

☐

(please describe)

DECLARATION

By signing this Agreement I/We authorise Brand Vaughan to act as my/our Agent in the Letting and/or Management, as indicated in this Agreement, of my/our Property in accordance with the Terms & Conditions stated in the accompanying 'Terms & Conditions', which I/We have received, understand and accept.

I/We also confirm that the information provided by me/us is correct to the best of my/our knowledge and accept that Brand Vaughan cannot be held liable for any incorrect information supplied.

I/We have been informed that the Agent will retain my/our personal details for six years once the business relationship as terminated to comply with the Limitation Act 1980 and also to fulfil any request from HM Revenue & Customs for information which must be provided according to statute.

The fees and charges outlined in this Agreement and in the pertaining Schedule of Fees are subject to review at Our discretion. If these charges are to be adjusted We shall inform You in writing, giving no less than one Months notice, prior to applying the new charges. Please see the Terms & Conditions for further information

Landlord 1 Signature & Print

Sign:

Print:

Date:

Landlord 2 Signature & Print

Sign:

Print:

Date:

Agent Signature & Print

Sign:

Print:

Date:

Terms & Conditions

1. INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to confirm Your kind instructions authorising Us to act as Your Agent in the letting and/or management of Your Property. We trust that any information already provided by Us will be of assistance to You but should mention that such information has been based upon Our knowledge of the market and prevailing market conditions. We should also mention that no structural examination of the Property has been undertaken by Us. Our advice given on the letting price is on the understanding that there are no onerous covenants or conditions attached to the title of the Property and/or any structural defects to the Property which, in either case, could materially affect the letting price.

This Agreement sets out the Terms of the contract between the Landlord and the Agent and details the obligations of each Party to the other. This is a legally binding contract once signed and dated by both Parties. Every effort has been made to use plain language in setting out this Agreement but inevitably there are some legal terms, the definitions of which are set out below. Please read this document carefully and request an explanation of anything You do not understand before signing it.

2. DEFINITIONS

Agent, We, Us, or Our:	“Brand Vaughan” a trading name of Brand Vaughan Limited, our employees or nominated Agents or affiliates, or any other duly authorised person, notified to the Tenant, who is acting from time to time on behalf of the Landlord.
Applicant:	The person(s) who is seeking to enter into an Agreement to Rent the Property.
Assured Shorthold Tenancy/AST:	Assured Shorthold Tenancy, is the default legal category of residential Tenancy in England and Wales. It is a form of Assured Tenancy with limited security of tenure which was introduced by the Housing Act 1988.
Calendar Day or Day:	Means any day of the year, including Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays
Communal Parts/Area	A shared area which can be used by all occupiers in the building such as entrance hall, corridors, stairs and lifts.
Consent of the Landlord or his Agent:	Where the consent of the Landlord or his Agent is required for the Tenant to carry out some action it is strongly recommended that where such consent is granted, the Tenant obtains confirmation in writing so as to avoid misunderstandings or disputes at a later date.
Deposit/Security Deposit:	The money held against any loss suffered by You as a result of any failure of the Tenant to fulfil his obligations as set out in the Tenancy Agreement.
Deposit held as Stakeholder:	At the end of the Tenancy, the Landlord and Tenant should jointly agree on the apportionment of any deductions from the Deposit. Any portion in dispute should not be paid over to, or taken by, either Party until and unless mutual Agreement is reached or unless an appropriate third party makes a decision.
Fixtures & Fittings/Contents:	References to Fixtures & Fittings relate to any of the Landlord’s furniture, furnishings, sanitary ware, decorative features, white goods, other equipment or any floor, ceiling or wall coverings and includes anything listed in any Inventory and/or Schedule of Condition as supplied.
Fully Furnished:	Same definition as Furnished below, plus household items and kitchen utensils.
Furnished:	Same definition as Unfurnished below, plus furniture.
Guarantor:	A person who acts as a Guarantor to a Tenant and becomes bound to the Tenancy Agreement, which entitles the Landlord to legally request the Guarantor to pay Rent if the Tenant fails to.
Head or Superior Lease:	Means a Lease (if any) under which the Landlord holds or owns the Property, and which contains the obligations which the Landlord, or his Tenants in turn, may be bound.
Household:	This can be a family, a couple or a single person.
ICO:	The Information Commissioner’s Office is the independent regulatory Office in charge of upholding information rights in the interest of the public.
Insured Risks:	The “Insured Risks” refers to insurance against fire and the usual comprehensive risks.
Inventory, Inspection, Checkout, Schedule of Condition:	This refers to any document prepared by the Landlord, the Agent or any Inventory Clerk and provided to the Tenant, detailing the Landlord’s fixtures, fittings, furnishings, equipment and the decor and condition of the Property in general. Such a document may subsequently be relied upon at the end of the Tenancy in assessing damage, or compensation for damage (over and above fair wear and tear) and so should be checked carefully at the commencement of the Tenancy. Any significant mistakes, mis-descriptions or other amendments should be notified to the Landlord or his Agent within five days of receipt of such Inventory. In order to avoid misunderstandings or disputes later, it is strongly recommended that this notification be in writing and a copy kept for future reference. Any Inspection of the Property should not be considered a structural survey and We cannot accept liability for hidden defects or for failure to notice anything concealed from Us. Inspections of the Property will not include any loft space which has not been converted for the Tenants use. Inspections of any cellar, garage or shed will only be completed upon written request from the Landlord.
Joint & Several Liability:	The expression Joint and Several liability means that Jointly the Tenants are liable for the payment of Rent and all liabilities falling upon them during the Tenancy as well as any breach of the Tenancy Agreement, or any extension of it, until all payments have been made in full. Individually each Tenant is responsible for payment of all Rent and all liabilities falling upon them as well as any breach of the Tenancy Agreement, or any extension of it, until all payments have been made in full. A maximum of four people can be such Joint Tenants. Where there is more than one Landlord, they will also be Joint and Solely liable for all fees, expenses, costs and Landlords undertakings and agreements as outlined in this Agreement.
Landlord:	The person(s), firm or company named in the ‘Our Agreement’ form, who at any relevant time own, or have a formal interest in the Property that gives them right to possession of the Property.
Mandatory HMO or HMO:	A house in multiple occupation is a property let to five or more people, from two or more separate Households where the Occupiers share basic amenities.
Masculine & Feminine and Singular & Plural:	Any reference to either one gender includes the other and any reference in the singular shall include the plural, if appropriate.
Member:	The Agent who is a Member of the Tenancy Deposit Scheme.
Month/Monthly:	Means a calendar Month.
Office:	Our registered Office address, or principal place of business.
Party/Parties:	All individuals named within this Agreement, which includes the Agent and the Landlord(s).
Property:	The Property specified in the ‘You & Your Property’ form together including any part of the dwelling-house, gardens paths, driveways, fences, boundaries or other outbuildings, which form part of the let.
Relevant Person:	Means a person who paid the Deposit or any part of it on behalf of a Tenant:
Rent	The income accrued from the Property that is being let.
Scheme:	Means an authorised Tenancy Deposit Protection Scheme (set up in accordance with the Housing Act 2004 and operated under a service concession agreement with the government) administered by The Dispute Service Limited.
Sharer:	Three or more unrelated people in two or more separate Households sharing a toilet, washing facilities or cooking facilities.
Stakeholder:	Means a person or body who holds the Deposit at any time from the moment it has been paid by the Tenant until its allocation has been agreed by the parties to the Tenancy Agreement, determined by the ADR process, or ordered by the Court.
Statutory Time Limit:	Means the time limit set out in the Housing Act 2004 (as amended) in which the initial requirements of the Scheme must be met, and prescribed information must be provided to the Tenant and any Relevant Person.
Superior Landlord:	People, or persons, to whom the ownership or interest in the Leasehold Property might revert in the fullness of time, following the expiry of the term of any head, or Superior Lease.
Tenancy Agreement:	The written contract between the Landlord and the Tenant.
Tenancy Deposit Scheme, TDS:	Under the requirements of the Housing Act 2004 all Deposits held under Assured Shorthold Tenancies must be protected and held in

Tenant/Occupant:	accordance with a government approved Scheme. We will protect Deposits under the Tenancy Deposit Scheme.
Terms and Conditions, T&C's:	The person(s), who at any relevant time are entitled to occupy the Property under the terms of a Tenancy Agreement. The Agents Terms of Business for Letting and Management Services and its successor in title or assigns which are written from time to time and signed by the Landlord.
The Term or the Tenancy:	References to the term of the Tenancy include any extension or continuation, or any statutory periodic Tenancy which may arise following the end of the period set out in The Principal Terms.
Unfurnished:	An Unfurnished Property normally includes carpets, curtains, light fittings and white goods. The Tenant is expected to bring their own furniture to enable them to occupy the Property.
Utilities:	This includes charges, rates or costs relating to Gas, Electricity, Oil, Council Tax, Telephone and Broadband services.
Water Charges:	This includes charges, rates or costs relating to Water, Sewerage and Environmental services.
Week/Weekly:	Means a full week, i.e., seven full Calendar Days.
Working Day:	Means a day that is not a Saturday or Sunday, nor any day that is a Bank Holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 or any customary or public holiday in England and Wales.
You, Your or You're:	The Landlord or the Landlords obligations.

3. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

MANAGED SERVICE

- 3.1 To complete a market appraisal of the Property to advise the Landlord on the Rent achievable, dependent upon market conditions and the condition of the Property. Furthermore, no liability is taken by the Agent for the market appraisal provided.
- 3.2 Erect a To Let board at the Property where considered appropriate by Us unless otherwise instructed by the Landlord.
- 3.3 Market the Property to identify a prospective suitable Tenant.
- 3.4 Arrange viewings for prospective Tenants.
- 3.5 Report all offers received and Negotiate on behalf of and notify the Landlord once an acceptable application has been received, subject to references and contract. The Agent will proceed with any application deemed suitable without prior consultation unless expressly requested by the Landlord prior, at commencement of marketing the Property.
- 3.6 The Agent will obtain a holding deposit/reservation fee from the proposed Tenant, equal to no more than one Weeks Rent. This holding deposit/reservation fee must be returned to the Tenant except in circumstances where the Tenant withdraws, fails a Right to Rent check or provides false or misleading information, which the Landlord is reasonably entitled to consider in deciding whether to grant the Tenancy because it materially affects their suitability to rent the Property. The Agent will be entitled to retain any monies in this respect.
- 3.7 Obtain references for all adult (aged 18+) Tenants on the Landlord's behalf including all Right to Rent checks under the Immigration Act 2014 and the Immigration Act 2016, using a reference agency. Where the results are acceptable without further consultation with the Landlord, the Agent will proceed with the tenancy. In the event the results are unsatisfactory, the Agent will consult the Landlord and take their instructions as to whether to proceed with the Tenancy. Copies of the references can be provided on request.
- 3.8 Draw up the Tenancy Agreement including any special clauses agreed between both parties.
- 3.9 From 1 June 2019, the costs for referencing and the preparation of the Tenancy Agreement (or Extension Agreement) will become the responsibility of the Landlord, as per the Schedule of Fees, with the exception of Tenancies that are not governed by the Housing Act 1988. Such charges will be payable upon completion of the new Tenancy. This does not apply where a Tenancy application has been aborted.
- 3.10 Arrange for the Tenancy Agreement to be signed, either electronically or by 'wet signature', by both the Landlord and the Tenant; or sign the Tenancy Agreement as 'Agent of the Landlord' which means the Landlord is bound legally to all conditions contained therein. By signing this Agreement, the Landlord authorises the Agent to sign the Tenancy Agreement on their behalf unless instructed otherwise. Once the Tenancy Agreement has been executed, all parties are legally bound to the Tenancy.
- 3.11 An Inventory of the Property's Contents and a Schedule of Condition of the Property will be prepared by Us and charged in addition to the Letting Fee as per the Schedule of Fees. The Inventory includes taking meter readings at the Property, subject to all relevant information being provided by the Landlord and available access to the meters specific to the Property. If We are unable to access and read the meters during the Inventory and You require Us to make an additional visit to locate the meters, this will be subject to a charge as per the Schedule of Fees. If You do not require an Inventory, please notify Us no later than three Working Days before the Tenancy is scheduled to commence.
- 3.12 Collect first Month's Rent. In the event the Landlord requires Us to act as Stakeholder for the Security Deposit We will collect the Deposit from the Tenant and an annual charge will be applied for registration of the same. Charges apply for this service, as per Our Schedule of Fees.
- 3.13 On receipt of initial Rent payment, deduct fees and forward balance of monies to Landlord by BACS transfer unless otherwise agreed.
- 3.14 Arrange for the Property to be cleaned if necessary, prior to letting, up to a limit of £150.00 plus VAT to be payable by the Landlord. If the required clean is deemed to exceed this cost, approval will be sought from the Landlord in order to proceed.
- 3.15 Provide the Tenants with the required details to set up a Monthly standing order, payable by the Tenant(s). All subsequent payments after the first Month's Rent are payable monthly unless it is agreed that the full sum of Rent for the initial term of the Tenancy is paid in advance by the Tenant.
- 3.16 Extend an existing Tenancy following the expiry of a fixed term Agreement and negotiate a higher Rent where possible, if requested by the Landlord. Fees apply for this service, as per Our Schedule of Fees.
- 3.17 Provide each named Tenant with a full set of keys including any fobs for the Property. If additional sets need to be cut, and the Landlord does not provide these to the Agent within three Working Days prior to the Tenancy start date, the Agent will arrange for additional sets to be cut as required. The cost will be borne by the Landlord and a fee for arranging this service will apply as per Our Schedule of Fees.
- 3.18 Provide the Applicant with a copy of the current Gas Safety Record, Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR), How to Rent Guide and EPC. It is the responsibility of the Landlord to ensure that the Property complies with current legislation and that the Property meets the required minimum standards.
- 3.19 Provide instruction booklets for all appliances, together with information regarding the care of special surfaces if requested by the Landlord and provided the relevant instructions have been received from the Landlord.
- 3.20 Serve the appropriate legal notice to end the Tenancy if instructed to do so by the Landlord, charge applicable as per Schedule of Fees.
- 3.21 The Landlord will not be entitled to a refund of any fees if the Tenancy Agreement is terminated prior to the end of the initial fixed term.
- 3.22 Any interest accrued on monies that the Agent holds on the Landlord's behalf will be retained to cover bank and administration charges etc. Any commission earned while acting on the Landlord's behalf will be retained to cover costs; and any fees paid by a Tenant will be retained. Full details of fees paid by a Tenant can be obtained from the Agent's website and comply with the Tenant Fee Act.
- 3.23 Receive the Rent from the Tenant on the Landlords behalf and forward this to the Landlords' designated bank account, less Our fees and any other appropriate deductions and submit statements of account to the Landlord by email. Should the Landlord require additional copies of Monthly statements by post and/or annual statements of account, for the purposes of tax assessment (by post or email), these services will be subject to an additional charge. Please see Schedule of Fees.
- 3.24 Receive and hold the Tenants' security Deposit as Stakeholder throughout and until the termination of the Tenancy. This will not apply if the provision of a Letter of Indemnity in lieu of a monetary Deposit is agreed between the parties for a Tenancy which is not an Assured Shorthold Tenancy. Where the Tenancy is an Assured Shorthold Tenancy, the Deposit will be held in accordance with the compulsory Tenancy Deposit Protection Scheme. On the anniversary of a Tenancy and on every anniversary thereafter, a fee will be payable to maintain the TDS registration. See Schedule of Fees.
- 3.25 Prior to the end of the initial term of the Tenancy, ascertain the intentions of both parties and serve any required statutory notices for possession if instructed and as appropriate. The service of notices on either party will be by hand delivery, or first-class post (deemed served two Working Days later) or by email. If sent by email the notice or document will be deemed served at the start of the next Working Day.
- 3.26 Negotiate on the Landlords' behalf the terms of any required and agreed extension or renewal of the Tenancy and prepare or administer the relevant documents to be signed by all parties. An additional fee will apply, as per Our Schedule of Fees. If the Landlord cannot be contacted regarding the Tenant's request for a Tenancy extension during the last 60 days

of a Tenancy, an extension will be entered into for a further term of up to twelve Months in the absence of any contrary written instructions from You, and You will be notified of the details.

- 3.27** Two Months prior to the termination of a Tenancy, unless it has been agreed to extend the Tenancy and in the absence of any contrary written instructions from the Landlord, We will re-market the Property with a view to arranging a further Tenancy of up to twelve Months under the same Terms & Conditions contained in this contract. A Rent increase may be applied at Our discretion in the absence of written instructions from You, and a fee increase may also be applied where a higher Rent is achieved.
- 3.28** If instructed, arrange on Your behalf for the checking of the Inventory at the end of the Tenancy (Checkout). An additional fee will apply, as per Our Schedule of Fees. On receipt of written confirmation from both parties of the Tenancy Agreement reached between the Landlord and Tenant regarding any deductions to be made from the Deposit, disperse the Deposit as instructed and confirmed in writing by both parties, and where applicable in accordance with the compulsory Tenancy Deposit Protection Scheme. The Agent will not be party to negotiations or agreements regarding Deposit deductions or charges with the Tenant, with the exception of any monies due to the Agent. Any fees or charges due by the Tenant to the Agent will take priority over any other charges or deductions.
- 3.29** From 1 June 2019, the Right to Rent Checks will become the responsibility of the Landlord, with the exception of Tenancies that are not governed by the Housing Act 1988. It is agreed that the Agent will carry out any checks required under the Immigration Act and the Agent will be responsible for taking the steps necessary to establish an excuse against a penalty. Where necessary, maintain any future immigration status checks during the term of the Tenancy, e.g., if any Tenant or Occupier has a time limited Right to Rent, and to take the required appropriate action where applicable. Charges may apply and are detailed in the Schedule of Fees.
- 3.30** The Agent's responsibilities for such checks will only extend to the duration of this Agreement and at the termination of this Agreement the Agent will transfer the status evidence to the Landlord and the responsibility for maintaining immigration status checks will return to the Landlord.
- 3.31** Arrange on Your behalf and at Your cost for the required Safety Regulations inspections to be undertaken prior to the start and through the term of the Tenancy. See Schedule of Fees.
- 3.32** Carry out routine Inspections and advise the Landlord on the state and condition of the Property, subject to gaining access to the Property. If the Agent is denied access to the Property by the Tenant, the Agent will be unable to complete the Inspections due to the Tenant's right to 'Quiet Enjoyment'.
- 3.33** Carry out the duties of the Managing Agent with regard to any repairs and statutory obligation on the Landlord's behalf.
- 3.34** Handle all maintenance issues on a daily basis, if cleared funds are held by the Agent, subject to any agreed financial limits. By instructing a contractor on the Landlord's behalf, the Agent will not be held responsible or liable for any negligence or break of contract, or damage caused by that contractor.
- 3.35** If the Landlord requests the Agent to arrange or supervise major building or refurbishment work, there will be an additional charge for this. The type of works which might need to be project managed in this way include; new kitchen/bathroom, roofing, replacement windows, new flooring, redecoration or structural works to the Property. This is not an exhaustive list and is provided by way of example. Our Employees are not qualified/trained Project Managers, however as experienced Property Managers are able to undertake such work. Work of this type is charged out and calculated against the gross value of the project. Please see Schedule of Fees.
- 3.36** The Agent will not be responsible or liable for the payment of any ground rent or service charge
- 3.37** Advise the Landlord if any arrears arise and fulfil all levels of the Agent internal arrears process, providing written documentation to enable Solicitors to act on behalf of the Landlord. The Agent cannot take court proceedings on the Landlord's behalf. The Agent however can attend court on the Landlord's behalf. See Schedule of Fees.
- 3.38** Serve any statutory notices when applicable or requested by the Landlord. The service of notices on either party will be by hand delivery, or first-class post (deemed served two Working Days later) or by email. If sent by email the notice or document will be deemed served at the start of the next Working Day.
- 3.39** At the end of the Tenancy take back the Tenant's keys, check the Inventory and prepare, if appropriate, a Checkout schedule of dilapidations for agreement between the Landlord and the Tenant(s).
- 3.40** Endeavour to obtain a forwarding address for the Tenant when they vacate the Property.
- 3.41** Return the security Deposit to the Tenant(s) less any deductions in accordance with the TDS.
- 3.42** The Agent only manages the Property during the term of a Tenancy. If You require, the Agent can provide a supervisory service during void periods upon written instruction but subject to an additional fee. Please see Schedule of Fees.
- 3.43** In instances that the landlord is the freeholder of a larger premises (eg block of flats) the agents responsibility is limited to the management, as detailed within these terms, of the individual property within the larger premises and does not include any communal parts areas.

4. THE LANDLORDS UNDERTAKINGS AND AGREEMENTS

- 4.1** The Landlord is responsible for paying the agreed fees as detailed within the 'Our Agreement' form and those fees detailed within the Schedule of Fees that has been provided. VAT is included at the prevailing rate unless stated otherwise, which may change from time to time. When any person, company or other organisation enters into a binding contract for the occupation of the Property, the following types of introduction will apply;
- i. sight of any marketing or advertising material produced by the Agent;
 - ii. viewings conducted by the Agent;
 - iii. or by any verbal or written recommendation by the Agent;
 - iv. by way of an introduction from an existing Occupier through the work of the Landlord or any other agent where this occurs without notice being given to the Agent, which requires seven days notice.
- 4.2** The Landlord should provide information of any viewers or potential Applicants through a previous agent, as the Landlord may then be liable for two sets of agent fees if that Applicant then lets the Property through Us.
- 4.3** If another agent is successful in sourcing a suitable Tenant, it is the Landlord's responsibility to notify Us in writing and as long as We have not identified a suitable Tenant, there will be no charge. If a suitable Tenant has been found but the Landlord chooses to let the Property to a Tenant introduced by another agent, the withdrawal fee will become payable, as per Our Schedule of Fees. Unless You instruct us otherwise, this is a Sole Agency Agreement.
- 4.4** Should the Tenant or Landlord lawfully exercise a release or break clause, Our fee will be payable up to and including the last lawfully due Rent payment and will cease to be applicable thereafter.
- 4.5** In the event of the Tenant ceasing to pay Rent for whatever reason other than the lawful exercise of a release or break clause the fee due to Us will remain due and payable upon demand.
- 4.6** No refund of any fees received in advance will be given should the Tenant cease to pay Rent for whatever reason other than the lawful exercise of a release or break clause.
- 4.7** In the event that the legal title/ownership of the Property changes during the course of the Tenancy, You will remain liable for all fees that would ordinarily be due and payable for the full term of the Tenancy. However, if the new owner is willing to maintain the Terms set out in this Agreement and be liable for the same, this will supersede such liability.
- 4.8** Interest will be charged at 3% above the Bank of England Base Rate from time to time on any sums owing from the due date until payment is made whether before or after judgement has been obtained.
- 4.9** Where there are Joint Owners of the Property, each Landlord is Joint and Severally Liable for all fees, expenses and costs.
- 4.10** The person instructing the Agent, the Landlord named on this Agreement, is entitled to rent the Property and if they are not the legal owner or not the sole legal owner they have written consent to do so from anyone with beneficial interest. The Landlord confirms they have obtained any necessary consents from all Parties with beneficial interest to the Property and accepts full liability accordingly. If the Landlord is a company, the person signing on behalf of the business must have authority to do so, i.e. the Company Director/Secretary. Proof of authority to sign may be requested if required.
- 4.11** The Landlord will obtain any necessary consents to let. These include but are not limited to; the Freeholder, Mortgage Lender, Insurer, Management Company, Local Authority and any other interested third party, if applicable. The Landlord confirms they have obtained any necessary consents and accepts full liability accordingly.
- 4.12** Provide copies of the relevant conditions of the Mortgage Lender, if applicable, to the Agent for inclusion with the Tenancy Agreement. Special conditions cannot be added after the Tenancy Agreement has been signed by the Tenant and/or Landlord/Agent.
- 4.13** Provide a copy of the Head Lease to attach to the Tenancy Agreement to ensure the Tenant complies with any conditions. The Head Lease must be provided to the Agent prior to the creation of the Tenancy Agreement.
- 4.14** Provide copies of the relevant sections of the Buildings and Contents insurance policies to ensure the Tenant abides by them.
- 4.15** If Your insurance states that You need to notify them when Your Property is empty, then it is Your responsibility to do so. It is also Your responsibility to ensure that You undertake any

precautions stipulated within Your Buildings and Contents insurance policy, such as preventing frost damage during the winter months if the Property is unoccupied.

- 4.16** The Landlord will liaise directly with their insurance provider regarding any insurance claims relating to the Property. The Agent cannot act on behalf of the Landlord as a third party.
- 4.17** The Landlord must provide a residential address that is based in England or Wales, for the purposes of the Tenant serving notice. If no suitable residential address is available, the Tenant will not be obligated to pay Rent. The Landlord must keep Us up to date with correct contact details and residential address details.
- 4.18** Where applicable, the Landlord will be liable at any time to reimburse any sums which We, acting on Your behalf, are required to repay to the local authority in respect of Housing Benefit/Local Housing Allowance/Universal Credit, received on behalf of the Tenant as a consequence of overpayment, ineligibility, or a fraudulent claim.
- 4.19** The Landlord will also provide the Agent with relevant keys, fobs, alarm codes and/or access arrangements to the Property for the purpose of viewings. The Landlord will provide the Agent with one set of keys for every named Tenant on the Tenancy Agreement before the start of the Tenancy. If the Agent is instructed to Manage the Property, the Landlord will provide a full set of keys/fobs, which will be held at the Agent's office in case of emergencies and for the purpose of carrying out all Management requirements.
- 4.20** Not to discriminate against any Applicant, Tenant or any Employee of the Agent. If discrimination occurs the Agent can give immediate written notice to terminate the Agreement.
- 4.21** Confirm that the Agent may receive interest, commission, fees or discounts from third parties while acting on the Landlord's behalf, which will be retained by the Agent.
- 4.22** The Agent has no liability if the Landlord fails to comply with his statutory responsibilities.
- 4.23** Agree that any claim against the Agent will be limited to a maximum of £2,000,000.
- 4.24** The Landlord must advise the Agent if they will be a resident overseas for more than six months of a year and confirm arrangements regarding the Finance Act 1995. The Landlord must register with HMRC and provide the Agent with the FICO approval number.
- 4.25** Register the Property address with the Land Registry to protect the Property from being defrauded by another person, i.e. either by them obtaining a mortgage on the Property or by them selling it.
- 4.26** Comply with all Safety Regulations regarding Electricity, Gas, other fuels, or furniture if applicable; ensure all smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are in working order; that a risk assessment has been carried out for Legionella; and all blinds and curtains comply with current Regulations.
- 4.27** It is the Landlords responsibility to set up a postal redirection for any mail that may be received at the Property. The Agent is not liable for the collection and forwarding of any mail that has not been redirected.

5. ENERGY SUPPLIERS

- 5.1** The Agent may appoint a preferred energy supplier to provide energy supply management services to the Landlord's Property.
- 5.2** The Landlord hereby authorises the Agent to use a preferred energy supplier to manage the energy supply during the void period of their Property(s). This may result in the Agents preferred energy supplier changing the electricity and/or gas supplier for the Property; however, this will not prevent the Landlord from changing to a different energy provider if desired.
- 5.3** The Landlord agrees that the Agent may pass the Landlord's name and contact details to their preferred energy supplier for the purposes of:
- entering into contracts with the Agents preferred energy supplier in connection with the supply of gas and /or electricity to each Property while that Property is vacant.
 - engaging with relevant energy suppliers in connection with the management and administration of any energy supply contract(s) in connection with each Property.
 - registering the Landlord with the relevant local authority for the payment of council tax; and
 - registering the Landlord with the incumbent water supplier to the Property. The water supplier may contact the Landlord in order to provide further information about its services and products and conclude an agreement with the Landlord for those services and products.
 - the Tenant(s) in occupation, for the duration of the Tenancy, will be inherently responsible for the service detailed above.
- 5.4** The Landlord notes that a minimum notice period of 21 days is required in order for energy supply management during the void period of their Property to take place.

6. PARKING

- 6.1** Where a Property has a parking space attached to it, the Landlord will be responsible for supplying the Agent with the parking space number and/or permit and location. The Landlord shall indemnify the Agent from any cost, claims, payments and expenses that arise from supplying the incorrect information.

7. UNUSUAL BOUNDARIES OR CIRCUMSTANCES

- 7.1** Where a Property has a parking space attached to it, the Landlord will be responsible for supplying the Agent with the parking space number and/or permit and location. The Landlord shall indemnify the Agent from any cost, claims, payments and expenses that arise from supplying the incorrect information.

8. REPAIRS AND STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS – MANAGED SERVICE

- 8.1** The Agent has authority to carry out repairs to the Property and its Contents up to £250.00 plus VAT without consent, save in the circumstances set out in this Clause. The Agent will not be liable if sufficient funds are not held on account.
- 8.2** The Landlord authorises the Agent to carry out any appropriate action to comply with all Statutes and Regulations and to incur the necessary expenditure. If the local authority takes enforcement action against You as the Landlord, We as Your Agent will act upon the notice to ensure We are compliant. If You refuse to provide Us with consent to remedy the instructed repairs and do not provide the necessary funds to cover the full costs incurred, We reserve the right to terminate Our Agreement with You and no longer act as Your Managing Agent for the Tenancy or the Property.
- 8.3** The Landlord fully indemnifies the Agent against all costs, claims, damages and expenses and other payments made pursuant to this authority or arising out of any breach or non observance or non performance by the Landlord of such Statutory Obligations or Regulations, Rules and orders.
- 8.4** The Agent shall not be held responsible for the non-payment of Council Tax, Rates (if any) or supply of Utilities payable in respect of the Property.
- 8.5** If Rent is paid in advance by the Tenant by way of instalments, including quarterly, half yearly, yearly, or for the full duration of the Tenancy for a Property Managed by the Agent, one Month's Rent will be retained as a reserve for repairs etc. Any surplus will be returned to You at the end of the Tenancy. If the money retained is insufficient the Landlord will be required to make up the difference.
- 8.6**
- 8.7** In the event that the Landlord instructs the Agent to carry out repairs where the cost for the repairs exceeds the net Monthly Rent after agency fees, the Landlord agrees to put the Managing Agent in funds to make up the shortfall required prior to the commencement of the work.
- 8.8** Payment of contractors invoices are the responsibility of the Landlord.
- 8.9** If the Landlord wishes the Agent's Property Management Team to use his own contractor, please note the following response times; for emergency repairs the Landlord is required to respond and approve within two hours of the Agent first contact and for non-emergency repairs a response time of five Working Days is required. If the Landlord fails to respond, the Agents will instruct one of its approved contractors to undertake the necessary repairs without recourse from the Landlord, up to the value of £250.00 plus VAT. The Agent will use their best endeavours to minimise the spend and protect the Landlord's interests.

9. THE DEPOSIT ASSURED SHORTHOLD TENANCY (AST) DEPOSITS

- 9.1** If a Tenant pays a Deposit in connection with an Assured Shorthold Tenancy (AST), the Deposit must, from the moment it is received, be dealt in accordance with a government authorised Tenancy Deposit Protection Scheme, as required by law.
- 9.2** Since 6 April 2007, Landlords and Agents must use one of three approved Tenancy Deposit Protection Schemes by law, Deposit Protection Service (DPS), My Deposits and Tenancy Deposit Scheme (TDS).
- 9.3** The Landlord/Agent must give the Tenant and any Relevant Person prescribed information about the Deposit and comply with the initial requirements of an authorised Scheme within the Statutory Time Limit.
- 9.4** If We receive an AST Deposit on Your behalf, We will serve the prescribed information and comply with the initial requirements of the Tenancy Deposit Scheme on Your behalf, unless You give Us prior written instructions to the contrary.

DEPOSITS PROTECTED BY THE LANDLORD

- 9.5 If You do not want Us to protect the Assured Shorthold Tenancy Deposit, it will be Your responsibility to protect the Deposit as required by law. You must register the Deposit with an authorised Tenancy Deposit Protection Scheme within 30 Days of the date You receive the Deposit.
- 9.6 It will be Your responsibility to serve the prescribed information and any other documents required on the Tenant(s) and any Relevant Person, comply with the initial requirements of an authorised Scheme including the Statutory Time Limit and to retain proof of service in case of any future legal proceedings. We will have no liability if You fail to do so.
- 9.7 A Tenant or any Relevant Person may apply through the courts for compensation of at least the amount of the Deposit, and up to three times of the Deposit, if the Landlord (or someone acting on the Landlord's behalf):
- Fails to give the prescribed information within the Statutory Time Limit; or
 - Fails to comply with the initial requirements of an authorised Scheme within the Statutory Time Limit; or
 - Notifies the Tenant or Relevant Person that the Deposit has been protected in a Scheme, but the Tenant or Relevant Person cannot obtain the Scheme's confirmation that the Deposit is protected. Tenants can make an application to a County Court for a penalty award even where the Tenancy has ended, and can do so for up to six years. The Agent has no liability for any loss suffered if the Landlord fails to comply.
- 9.8 A valid notice seeking possession under Section 21 of the Housing Act 1998 cannot be served on a Tenant whose Deposit is not protected. By law, You may not serve a notice seeking possession under Section 21 of the Housing Act 1988 until You have served the prescribed information. If You have not complied with the initial requirements of an authorised Tenancy Deposit Protection Scheme, You cannot serve a Section 21 notice until You have returned the Deposit (or the agreed balance of it) to the Tenant or court proceedings relating to the return of the Deposit have been disposed of.
- 9.9 We shall not be liable to You for any loss suffered or cost incurred if You fail to comply with Your obligations to protect the Deposit and give prescribed information. You must pay Us for any loss or inconvenience suffered or cost incurred by Us if You fail to comply with Your obligations.
- 9.10 It will be the Landlord's responsibility to negotiate deductions from the Deposit at the end of the Tenancy. The Agent will not negotiate on the Landlord's behalf.

DEPOSITS PROTECTED BY Brand Vaughan

- 9.11 Brand Vaughan is a Member of the Tenancy Deposit Scheme (TDS), which is a government authorised Tenancy Deposit Protection Scheme, administered by: The Dispute Service Limited
West Wing, First Floor, Maylands Building, 200 Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 7TG
- phone: 0300 037 1000
 - web: www.tenancydepositscheme.com
 - email: deposits@tenancydepositscheme.com
- 9.12 We will hold the Deposit relating to Your Property, under the terms of the Tenancy Deposit Scheme (TDS). We must comply with the rules of the Scheme, and this means that We will not be able to act on Your instructions with regards to the Deposit if those instructions conflict with the Scheme rules. The Scheme rules are available to view and download from www.tenancydepositscheme.com.
- 9.13 The Agent holds Tenancy Deposits as Stakeholder. This means that We only pay money from the Deposit if:
- Both Landlord and Tenant (and any Relevant Person) agree; or
 - The court orders Us to do so; or
 - The Tenancy Deposit Scheme directs Us to do so.
- 9.14 We will serve the relevant prescribed information and any other documents required and comply with the initial requirements of the Tenancy Deposit Scheme. We will also retain a copy of the prescribed information and proof of service on the Tenant.
- 9.15 If You instruct Us to protect the Assured Shorthold Tenancy Deposit a charge will apply upon each new Tenancy completing, as per Our Schedule of Fees.
- 9.16 A fee will be charged to all Landlords for re-registering the Deposit and the charge will apply upon the anniversary of a Tenancy i.e. applicable when the Tenancy enters its second year and annually thereafter, as per Our Schedule of Fees.

During the Tenancy

- 9.17 We will hold the Deposit as Stakeholder in Our client account (separate from the money We use to run Our business).
- 9.18 Interest earned on the Deposit will belong to the person entitled to it under the Tenancy Agreement.
- 9.19 If the Tenancy Deposit Scheme directs Us to send the Deposit to them, We must do so within 10 Days of receiving their direction. The Scheme will not normally direct Us to send them the Deposit unless there is a dispute about how it is to be paid at the end of the Tenancy.

Where there is no dispute about the Deposit at the end of the Tenancy

- 9.20 At the end of an AST We will liaise with You to ascertain what (if any) deductions You propose to make from the Deposit. We will help You to try and resolve any areas of dispute within a reasonable time obtaining quotations, estimates or arranging contractors on Your behalf in accordance with Your instructions.
- 9.21 Once You and the Tenant have agreed how the Deposit should be allocated, We will ask You both to confirm Your Agreement in writing. We will then pay the Deposit according to what You have agreed, within ten Days of receiving confirmation of agreement from You and the Tenant(s). We cannot pay until We have the Tenant's agreement. If You have Joint Tenants, all of them must agree.

Where there is a dispute about the Deposit at the end of the Tenancy

- 9.22 You must use reasonable efforts to reach a sensible resolution to the dispute as soon as practicable after the Tenancy ends.
- 9.23 A Tenant can ask Us to repay the Deposit at any time after the Tenancy has ended. You must agree to Us releasing promptly any part of the Deposit that does not need to be held back to cover breaches of the Tenancy Agreement. We will take Your instructions at the time regarding the amount to be withheld.
- 9.24 If the Tenant asks Us to repay some or all of the Deposit, and We do not do so within ten Days from and including the date of the Tenant's request, the Tenant can notify the Tenancy Deposit Scheme. The Scheme will then direct Us to pay the disputed amount to the Scheme. We have ten Days, from and including the date We receive the Scheme's direction, to send in the money.
- 9.25 If We protect a Deposit with the Scheme on Your behalf, You hereby authorise Us to pay to the Scheme as much of the Deposit as the Scheme requires Us to send. We will contact You to keep You informed, but We will not need to seek Your further authority to send the money to the Scheme.
- 9.26 The Tenancy Deposit Scheme will review the Tenant's claim and decide whether it is suitable for independent alternative dispute resolution. Usually, this will take the form of adjudication, but it may involve assisted negotiation or mediation. 'Alternative' in this context means an alternative to court proceedings. It is intended to be a faster and more cost-effective way of resolving disputes. The Scheme does not make a charge to Landlords or Tenants for using the alternative dispute resolution service if it relates to an AST.
- 9.27 If the Tenant's claim is referred for alternative dispute resolution, We and You will be invited to accept or contest the claim. You must notify the Scheme whether You agree to submit the dispute for alternative dispute resolution within ten Working Days from (but not including) the date of the Scheme's communication to You. If You do not respond to the Scheme by the deadline, You will be treated as having given Your consent to alternative dispute resolution.
- 9.28 Agents and Landlords are permitted to refer a dispute about a Deposit to the Tenancy Deposit Scheme. If You or We refer a Deposit dispute to the Scheme, the Scheme will contact the Tenant to confirm whether the Tenant will agree to alternative dispute resolution. If there are Joint Tenants, all the Joint Tenants must agree. A Tenant who does not reply to the Scheme is NOT deemed to consent to alternative dispute resolution. If the Tenant (or all Joint Tenants) do not agree to alternative dispute resolution, and do not agree to the Deposit deduction(s) You claim, You will need to begin court proceedings if You wish to pursue Your claim.
- 9.29 If the Parties agree to adjudication, the adjudicator's decision is final and there is no right of appeal. Further information about adjudication is available free to download from www.tenancydepositscheme.com.

- 9.30** The Tenancy Deposit Scheme will pay the disputed amount to the person(s) entitled within ten Days beginning on the date the Scheme receives notice of (a) the adjudicator's decision or (b) an order from the court that has become final or (c) an agreement being reached between You and the Tenant(s).
- 9.31** If You order any work to be done at the Property before a dispute has been resolved, You do so at Your own risk. There is no guarantee, if You incur expense, that a dispute will ultimately be resolved in Your favour.

Consent to Use Personal Information

- 9.32** When You agree to use Our services, You agree that We may use information You give Us, including information about Yourself, for the purposes of performing Our obligations to You.
- 9.33** You agree that We may supply such information as is reasonably required to the Scheme. You agree that the Scheme, or the government department responsible for the Scheme, may contact You from time to time to ask You to participate in surveys. If at any time You do not want the Scheme to contact You for that purpose, You should write to the Scheme as explained in the Scheme Leaflet (see www.tenancydepositscheme.com).

Our Duty to Provide Correct and Complete Information

- 9.34** When You agree to use Our services, You guarantee that all the information You provide to Us is complete and correct to the best of Your knowledge and belief. You agree to inform Us immediately if it comes to Your attention that any information was incorrect.
- 9.35** If We suffer any loss or incur any cost because information You have given Us is or was incomplete and/or incorrect, You agree to pay Us the amount necessary to put Us in the position We would have been in if the information had been complete and correct. This clause does not relieve Us of Our own obligation to use reasonable skill and care in providing Our services to You, or to take reasonable steps to keep Our losses and costs to a minimum once We realise that there is a problem.

Where the Tenancy is not an AST

- 9.36** The Deposit does not have to be protected by law. However, the Tenancy Deposit Scheme will make its independent alternative dispute resolution service available to You as Our client, because We are a Member of the Scheme.
- 9.37** If a dispute arises You, We or the Tenant will contact the Scheme. Then:
- the Scheme will propose what they consider to be the most effective way of resolving the dispute (assisted negotiation, mediation, adjudication or arbitration);
 - You, We and the Tenants must consent in writing to the proposed method if We all want to proceed (if We don't, the options are to negotiate or litigate);
 - the Parties will have to pay a fee of £600.00 inclusive of VAT (or such other minimum fee as the Scheme may set from time to time) or 12% of the Deposit inclusive of VAT, whichever is the larger amount.
- 9.38** The Scheme will not start the dispute resolution process until all Parties have agreed in writing to use the Scheme and paid the applicable fee and the disputed Deposit to the Scheme.

Joint Landlords

- 9.39** If there is more than one Landlord, any of You will be able to participate in alternative dispute resolution. TDS does not accept liability to any one or more Joint Landlords for acting on the instructions of any other Joint Landlord. TDS does not accept directions from Joint Landlords to deal only with instructions agreed unanimously by Joint Landlords. If You want all decisions to be made Jointly this is something that should be agreed between the Landlords. It will then be a matter for the Landlords to resolve among themselves if one or more has not complied with that agreement.

10. NO DEPOSIT SCHEME

- 10.1** The No Deposit Scheme (NDS), where a tenant does not provide a deposit, is only available to landlords at our discretion.
- 10.2** The NDS will end when we, for any reason, stop managing the letting of your property.
- 10.3** We arrange referencing and approval procedures and assess the suitability of the prospective tenants using our extensive experience
- 10.4** If at the end of the tenancy, despite our procedures, there are outstanding amounts in relation to rent or dilapidations, we may consider making you a discretionary payment
- 10.5** Any queries relating to the NDS and the terms and conditions should be raised before signing and if you have any doubt about the terms and conditions, you may wish to seek independent legal advice.
- 10.6** It is important to note that there is NO entitlement to any award from us, and whether we make any award and, if so, its amount is a matter for our absolute unfettered discretion.
- 10.7** We will not consider making a discretionary award unless you have complied with the terms and conditions of the NDS set out below. For the avoidance of doubt, should we in our absolute discretion decide to make any award, any discretionary amount awarded would in no circumstances be for more than the equivalent of 8 weeks rent under the tenancy agreement, excluding any amounts for utilities or council tax included in the rent.
- 10.8** You, as landlord, agree and accept that:
- You will pay us the annual fee of £45, plus VAT. The fee will be collected as detailed in the schedule of fees.
 - Whilst the NDS is in existence, you cannot require a cash deposit from the tenant, nor can you require a deposit during any extension or continuation of the tenancy or any statutory periodic tenancy or other period of occupation arising after the expiry of the original term of the tenancy.
 - If the tenant fails at any time to pay the applicable monthly fee the tenant agrees to pay us for participating in the NDS, we may take steps to recover the amounts due.
 - You will keep the property in a good state of repair and comply, on a timely basis, with all the landlord's obligations as set out in the tenancy agreement.
 - You will instruct us to complete at least one property inspection/video tour every 12 months for the duration of the tenancy.
 - You will use the inventory clerk nominated by us to compile the inventory and schedule of condition at the commencement of the tenancy and to complete the check out at the end of the tenancy.
 - You will instruct us to prepare a schedule of dilapidations and damages at the end of the tenancy and agree to act reasonably at all times in assessing the value of any claim for dilapidations and damages
 - If the tenant disputes any liability for dilapidations and damages within ten days, they may refer the dispute to an independent adjudicator. If the tenant fails to respond within ten days, they are deemed to have accepted the amounts due to you.
 - If the adjudicator does not find that any amounts are due to you will pay 100% of the adjudicator's fee. The current fees are as follows:
 - claim value up to £10,000 = £220 + VAT
 - claim value £10,001 - £20,000 = £250 + VAT
 - claim value over £20,001 = £350 + VAT
- If the adjudicator partially upholds the tenant's claim you will be liable for a proportion of the adjudicator's fee based upon the amount of the claim. If the adjudicator partially upholds the tenant's claim you will be liable for a proportion of the adjudicator's fee based upon the amount of the claim not upheld. You agree to pay any fee owed to Michael Jones the adjudicator, within five working days from the date of the adjudicator's decision.
- If the tenant owes you money in relation to outstanding rent or dilapidations and damages ("Outstanding Amounts"), we may in our absolute unfettered discretion consider making a gratuitous payment to you. We are not under any obligation to make this payment. We are not guaranteeing payment of the Outstanding Sums. If we were to make any discretionary payment to you in respect of any unrecovered Outstanding Amounts, it would not be more than the equivalent of 8 weeks net rent under the relevant tenancy agreement.
 - If we make any payment to you, you will take reasonable steps to assist us to bring a claim against the tenant or, if required, you will assign to us any rights you have against the tenant in relation to the Outstanding Amounts. If following any assignment, we recover any money from the tenant in excess of any discretionary amount that we have awarded to you, we will pay this extra amount to you, less any amount that we have incurred in costs and expenses.
 - If you have received a discretionary award from us, in respect of unrecovered Outstanding Amounts, and subsequently you receive money from the tenant in relation to those Outstanding Amounts, you will notify us immediately and return to us the amount of the discretionary award we paid to you up to the amount you received from the tenant.
 - Any liability we have to you for any failures in assessing the suitability of a tenant will not exceed the equivalent of 8 weeks net rent under the tenancy.
- 10.9** These terms are governed by English Law. If any term of this agreement is ruled to be invalid, the invalidity will not affect the rest of this Agreement, which will remain valid and enforceable in all respects.
- 10.10** These terms constitute the entire agreement between us and supersedes any prior agreement or arrangement in relation to the NDS.

10.11 This agreement has not been entered into in reliance upon, and neither we or you have any remedy for any misrepresentation, representation or statement, which is not set out in this Agreement, but nothing in this clause will be interpreted or construed as limiting or excluding the liability for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.

11. VAT

11.1 The Agent trades as a Limited Company registered at Companies House at 70 St. Marys Axe, London, EC3 8BE. The VAT number is 213 4492 31. All fees and charges include VAT at the current rate.

12. SHORTFALL

12.1 Sufficient funds must exist in the Landlord's account at the time of a Tenancy completing to discharge outstanding fees and costs in full. In circumstances where there are insufficient funds, the Agent will be unable to complete the Tenancy until such time that the shortfall has been met.

13. PAYMENT OF RENT IN ADVANCE

13.1 Where a Tenant pays all Rent in advance on the commencement of the Tenancy, the Agent will hold such Rent and forward it to the Landlord in equal Monthly instalments as it falls due. The full amount can be released to the Landlord on commencement of the Tenancy only in circumstances where the Landlord supplies to the Agent an up to date mortgage statement confirming there are no mortgage arrears. In such circumstances the Agent will retain a minimum reserve of one Month's Rent.

14. TERMINATION OF INSTRUCTIONS

- 14.1** This Agreement may be terminated prior to the introduction of a suitable Tenant by either Party giving to the other not less than seven days' notice in writing. However, where the Agent has introduced a suitable Tenant and the Landlord refuses to allow the Tenancy to proceed, thus causing a failed tenancy start, the Landlord will be liable to pay a withdrawal fee, as per Our Schedule of Fees.
- 14.2** The Management service cannot be terminated once the Tenancy Agreement has been entered into, until the end of the current fixed term Tenancy Agreement. If the Landlord terminates this Agreement and the Tenant remains in the Property, the Agent will be entitled to Management fees detailed in the Schedule of Fees for the remainder of the Tenancy.
- 14.3** At the end of any fixed term Tenancy Agreement the Management Service may be terminated by either party giving two month's advance written notice to the other, such notice not to expire before the end of the current fixed term Tenancy Agreement.
- 14.4** If the Tenancy Agreement continues beyond a fixed term on a periodic basis the Landlord can terminate this agreement in its entirety by giving 2 months' advance written notice and subject to immediate payment of withdrawal fee as shown on Our schedule of fees.
- 14.5** Contrary to termination clauses above, If the Landlord is benefiting from the No Deposit Scheme, then The Management Service cannot be terminated once the Tenancy Agreement has been entered into, until the end of the term of the tenancy.
- 14.6** This Agreement may be terminated if one Party breaches the contract and does not remedy the breach within 30 days of notification.
- 14.7** The Agent reserves the right to terminate the contract with immediate effect if the Landlord discriminates in any way; or breaches statute and the Agent cannot continue to be instructed; or if the Landlord is in material breach of any part of this contract and the Agent cannot continue to act.

15. COOLING OFF PERIOD

15.1 You have the right to validly serve Us a notice or cancellation within 14 Days of signing this Agreement, known as the 'Cooling Off Period'. Such right is only applicable if the Agreement is made in Your home or place of work in the presence or one of Our Employees. This right does not apply if You sign the Agreement in any of Our Offices. If We introduce a Tenant (directly or indirectly before the end of the Cooling Off Period and You have within the Cooling Off Period exercised Your right to cancel this Agreement, You will be liable to pay Our agreed letting fee in the event that the introduced Tenant subsequently completes the Tenancy. **If You are unable to sign the Agreement in any of Our Offices and You wish for Brand Vaughan to start marketing Your Property immediately, it is essential that You complete the 'You & Your Property' form and sign the final section 'Contractual Agreement/Waiver: Immediate Performance Request'.**

16. STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS OF THE LANDLORD WHEN LETTING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

16.1 The Landlord hereby warrants to the Agent that the Property, Furniture, Furnishings and Appliances comply with the requirements of the Consumer Protection Act 1987 and all statutory instruments made under it, in particular;

- i. The Furniture, Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations 1988 as amended by the Furniture and Furnishing (Fire) (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1989 and 1993
- ii. the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (as amended)
- iii. The Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998
- iv. Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (Amendment) Regulations 2022
- v. Solid Fuel Burning Appliances Building Regulations
- vi. The Electrical Safety Standards in the Private Rented Sector (England) Regulations 2020
- vii. The Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016
- viii. The Plug and Socket etc. (Safety) Regulations 1994
- ix. Legionnaires Disease Risk Assessment under Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002
- x. Internal Window Blinds and Curtain Fittings 2014
- xi. Fixed Glass Panels Building Regulations 1991
- xii. The General Products Safety Regulation 2005
- xiii. All other relevant legislation either current or in the future as applicable to the letting of Residential Property

16.2 The intention of the Housing Health and Safety Rating System ("HHSRS") is to ensure that Owners maintain their Properties in a safe manner, which means they must be free from hazards that may affect the Occupier's health and/or safety. The Environmental Health Officer if called to a Property will review the Property to ensure there is no risk of any hazard to the Tenant and if necessary take enforcement action by serving the relevant notice on an owner. The 29 HHSRS hazards are: Damp and mould growth; Excess cold; Excess heat; Asbestos and Manufactured Mineral Fibres; Biocides; Carbon monoxide and fuel combustion products; Lead; Radiation; Uncombusted fuel gas; Volatile organic compounds; Crowding and space; Entry by intruders; Lighting; Noise; Domestic hygiene, pests and refuse; Food safety; Sanitation and drainage problems; Water supply; Falls associated with baths; Falls on level surfaces; Falls associated with stairs and ramps; Falls between levels; Electrical hazards; Fire; Flames, hot surfaces and materials; Collision and entrapment; Explosions; Ergonomics; and Structural collapse and falling elements. Owners are obliged to comply with the terms of improvement notices or prohibition orders, which are subject to rights of appeal. If the Agent is instructed to Manage the Property, the Landlord must ensure that adequate funds are available to comply with any notice or order. If an improvement notice is served on the Landlord; then the Landlord is unable to serve a Section 21 Notice for six Months and all work specified in the notice must be completed.

16.3 Under The Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation) Act 2018, Landlords and Agents acting on their behalf must ensure properties, including common parts where they have an estate or interest, are fit for human habitation at the beginning and throughout the duration of a Tenancy. Tenants will now be able to take direct legal action if their Agent or Landlord does not comply with the Act. A property unfit for human habitation is 'so far defective in one or more of those matters that it is not reasonably suitable for occupation in that condition.' 'Matters' refers to: Repair; Stability; Freedom from damp; Internal arrangement; Natural lighting; Facilities for preparation and cooking of food; Water supply; Drainage and sanitary conveniences; Ventilation; and facilities for the disposal of waste water. The Housing Act 2004 defines a 'hazard' as 'any risk of harm to the health or safety of an actual occupier of a dwelling or HMO which arises from a deficiency in the dwelling or HMO'. The hazards used in the Homes Act, are the 29 as listed in the Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS). The Landlord hereby warrants to the Agent that any hazards that are identified must be remedied before the Tenancy begins. If the Agent is instructed to Manage the Property, the Landlord must ensure that adequate funds are available to comply with remedying a hazard.

- 16.4** Under the Energy Performance of Buildings (Certificates and Inspections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007, as of 1 October 2008 Energy Performance Certificates (EPC's) are mandatory requirements when letting residential property and remain valid for ten years. A copy of the certificate must be provided to the Agent or, alternatively, You can authorise the Agent to obtain an Energy Performance Certificate on Your behalf, at an additional cost, as per Our Schedule of Fees. Please let Us know if You would like Us to arrange this for You, except in the case of listed buildings which are exempt. The Agent is also required to be satisfied and have tangible evidence that an EPC has been ordered before marketing can commence. By signing this Agreement, You agree to the provision of an EPC. Under revised legislation, as of 1 April 2018, it will be unlawful for a Landlord to grant a new Tenancy of a Property with an Energy Performance Certificate rating below the minimum required standard. The Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards will apply where the EPC shows a rating of F or G and works must be carried out up to a minimum E rating unless an exemption applies and is registered. A Landlord with a sub-rated Property will be expected to install all energy efficiency improvements prior to the Property being Tenanted.

17. TAXATION & NON UK RESIDENT OVERSEAS – S.78 TAXES MANAGEMENT ACT 1970

- 17.1** Any person or organisation receiving income from a Property situated in the UK may be liable for tax on that income, whether or not his normal place of abode is inside or outside the UK and is required to disclose such income to HMRC and keep all records for up to six years.
- 17.2** Where a Landlord is resident outside the UK or taxed as such, the Agent shall be entitled to retain from rental income the amount of any tax due or likely or estimated to be due to the Inland Revenue if required by them. The Landlord indemnifies the Agent against all payments of tax, interest thereon, or penalties levied on or made by the Agent and shall pay to the Agent any shortfall of such monies together with interest thereon at 3% above Bank of England lending rate in force on a daily basis from the date of payment by the Agent until reimbursement in full. Should the Landlord fail to apply for an Exemption Approval Number, (referred to as a HMRC approval Number) from the HMRC via NRL1 Form, the Agent shall be entitled to a quarterly fee in consideration of the additional administration and costs incurred in processing the accounts. The Landlord must notify Us immediately if their residency status changes at any time during the Tenancy or extension of Tenancy and provide Us with a residential address in England or Wales.
- 17.3** As the Agent, We have registered with the HMRC and Our registration number is: NA022230. You can obtain the relevant form online at: www.gov.uk/tax-uk-income-live-abroad/rent.

18. SELECTIVE LICENSING

- 18.1** The Landlord is responsible in ensuring that Selective Licensing Legislation is complied with. However, where a Managing Agent is instructed by the Landlord and is collecting Rent on their behalf, the Agent must ensure that the legislation is observed. The Landlord is required to provide a copy of the existing licence to the Agent.
- 18.2** The Agent should check that their client has a licence, or has at least applied for one, unless the Agent is to be the licence holder. In this instance, the licence will be held in the company name of the Agent. Otherwise, as "Person having control" the Agent commits the offence of operating an unlicensed Property and could face a fine of up to £30,000.00.
- 18.3** If a Property is not licensed when it should be, it is a criminal offence and the "Person having control" and the "Person Managing" can both be prosecuted.
- 18.4** In the event a Landlord has said a licence is in place and it is subsequently found that it isn't, the Agent under the Terms & Conditions of this relationship is given the irrevocable right to obtain a licence a minimum of seven Days before the commencement of a Tenancy, at the Landlord's cost.

19. MANDATORY HMO LICENSING

- 19.1** A Property will require a HMO licence if the Property is let to a group of five or more individuals forming more than one Household.
- 19.2** If the Property is a HMO it is the Landlord's responsibility to obtain the licence and provide a copy of the licence to the Agent.
- 19.3** The Landlord is responsible for ensuring that the Property is compliant with the Article 4 Change Of Use Direction where applicable. This is a planning matter which may require local authority approval to change the use from Class C3 (dwelling house) to Class C4 (HMO). If the Landlord is unsure please seek direction from the local planning office.
- 19.4** The Agent should check that the Landlord has a licence, or has at least applied for one, unless the Agent is to be the licence holder. In this instance, the licence will be held in the company name of the Agent. Otherwise, as "Person having control" the Agent commits the offence of operating an unlicensed Property and could face a fine of up to £30,000.00.
- 19.5** In the event a Landlord has said a licence is in place and it is subsequently found that it is not, the Agent under the Terms & Conditions of this relationship, is given the irrevocable right to obtain a licence on their behalf. The process to obtain a licence will commence within seven Days before the commencement of a new Tenancy and will be entirely at the Landlord's cost, to include the licence fee and any administration costs incurred by the Agent in applying for the licence.
- 19.6** The Landlord is responsible in ensuring that HMO Licensing Legislation is complied with. However, where a Managing Agent is instructed by the Landlord and is collecting Rent on their behalf, the Agent must ensure that the legislation is observed.
- 19.7** The Landlord and the Agent (if instructed by the Landlord to act as the Managing Agent) will be required to ensure that minimum sleeping room sizes are observed;
- Rooms used for sleeping by one person over ten years old will have to be a minimum of 6.51 square metres.
 - Rooms used for sleeping by two people over ten years old will have to be a minimum of 10.22 square metres.
 - Rooms slept in by a child under ten years old will have to be a minimum 4.64 square metres.
- 19.8** If a Property is not licensed when it should be, it is a criminal offence and the "Person having control" and the "Person Managing" can both be prosecuted.
- 19.9** Conditions and all other relevant legislation in respect of HMO Licensing, either current or in the future, will apply and are subject to change.

20. CONFIRMATION OF INSTRUCTIONS

- 20.1** Any and all instructions to the Agent regarding the service or the Tenancy must be given in writing (letter or email). Sufficient time must be given for the instructions to be fulfilled and failure to do so will not render the Agent negligent. Instructions received at Weekends or Bank Holidays may only be actioned on the next Working Day.
- 20.2** No variation to these Terms will be effective unless agreed by Us in writing.

21. LIABILITY OF THE AGENT

- 21.1** Unless caused by the Agent's negligence, no liability shall be attached to the Agent for any loss, injury, damage, legal or other expenses sustained as a result of:
- The client's failure to provide accurately all information reasonably required for the Agent to undertake the service.
 - Any forecast by the Agent of likely income or expenditure.
 - Failure to identify any defect in the Property or its fixtures, fittings and furnishings.
 - Instructing a contractor on behalf of the Landlord and the contractor's performance.
 - The act, omission or insolvency of any person other than the Agent.
 - Any failure of the Tenant to pay the Rent or comply with the terms of the Tenancy Agreement.
 - Any failure of the Landlord to undertake their responsibilities stipulated by their Buildings and Contents insurance when the Property is unoccupied.
- 21.2** The Landlord shall indemnify the Agent in respect of any claims made by another or third party for any loss, injury, damage or legal or other expenses referred to above by including Public Liability Cover in their insurance.
- 21.3** The Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 does not apply to this Agreement. The Agent is not responsible or liable for the acts, omissions or failures of third parties unless it is due to the negligence or breach of contract or omissions of the Agent or their Employees.
- 21.4** The Landlord agrees not to take action or bring any claim in respect of loss or damage suffered by the Landlord arising out of or in connection with this Agreement against any individual Director, Partner, Consultant, Employee of the Agent even where any of those persons has been negligent. This restriction will not operate to omissions of any of their Partners, Consultants, Employees or Agents.
- 21.5** The Agent can not be held responsible for the performance of the contract by the Tenant. We can assist with how Tenancy breaches are handled by using the levels of service that We offer a Managed Landlord but We can't be held liable if the Tenant does not comply.

22. COPYRIGHT

- 22.1** The Agent retains the copyright of all photographs and details prepared in the letting of Your home. They cannot be reproduced or used for alternative marketing without express permission.

23. THIRD PARTY MARKETING

- 23.1** The Agent reserves the right to use all marketing/online portals available to them at the time of marketing Your Property. From time to time, this may involve the use of a third party. As a result, the Agent cannot always control the existence of an online 'historical' presence or webpage once the Property has been let or withdrawn. However, every effort is made to minimise access to such material.

24. RENT & LEGAL PROTECTION

- 24.1** In this clause, the following definitions apply: Insurance Policy Our insurance policy, underwritten by DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited, of which We are the sole policyholder; Service Our rent and legal protection service more fully described in this clause
- 24.2** If You appoint Brand Vaughan as Agent, You will be automatically opted in to the Service, subject to eligibility. If you wish to opt out of the Service before charges apply, You must write to us to cancel within 14 days of the tenancy commencing. This can be sent via email to Us lettings@brandvaughan.co.uk.
- 24.3** We will ask Our insurer to note Your interest on the Insurance Policy which will mean that You will be provided with the protections listed below. That means that if Your Tenant defaults on their Rent payments, or example, You can inform Us and We will make a claim under the Insurance Policy. If the claim is successful, We will pay any sums recovered that are due to You.
- 24.4** The Service includes protection or:
- Full Rent protection for the total Monthly rent, as listed in the Tenancy Agreement.
 - Rent payable until vacant possession is obtained.
 - Service of eviction notices to reclaim possession of the Property.
 - Legal costs to obtain possession of the Property if the Tenant fails to pay the Rent.
 - A total limit of indemnity of £100,000.
 - Breaches of the Tenancy Agreement by the Tenant if they are grounds for possession, including non-payment of Rent, expired Section 21 notices, subletting, and illegal activity.
 - Defence costs if a Tenant raises a counter claim during the eviction process.
 - Costs and expenses to evict anyone who is not the Tenant or ex-Tenant from the Property and who has not got permission to reside in the Property i.e. eviction of squatters.
 - Court attendance by a legal representative appointed by Us. Attendance by a Brand Vaughan representative is charged as per Our Schedule of Fees.
 - 90% of the Rent, as listed in the Tenancy Agreement, payable after vacant possession obtained until re-let, up to a maximum of six weeks. This is subject to the Landlord re-letting the Property via Brand Vaughan.
 - Legal expenses for pursuing a civil dispute after an event caused by the Tenant, which results in physical damage to the Property in excess of £1,000.00
 - Costs and expenses relating to a dispute with a party You have a direct contractual relationship with arising from an agreement or an alleged agreement, which You have entered into for buying and hiring any goods or services in relation to the Property
- 24.5** The Service is only available providing Tenants have passed satisfactory references approved by a referencing agent appointed by Us.
- 24.6** The Service is still provided in the event that the full sum of Rent is paid in advance by the Tenants prior to the Tenancy start date because it provides You with protection against breaches of contract which enable grounds for possession.
- 24.7** If You do not cancel the Service within the 14 days of the tenancy commencing, the service will remain in place for 12 months and the cost to You, the Landlord, will be deducted from Your Monthly Rental. Charges are detailed in the Schedule of Fees.
- 24.8** The Service is not available to Landlords where the Rental amount or the Property exceeds £10,000.00 per calendar Month.
- 24.9** The Service will automatically be renewed annually. If You do not wish to renew this service, You must write to us to cancel within 14 days of the policy renewal date. This can be sent via email to Us lettings@brandvaughan.co.uk We will require up to five Working Days to action Your request. If you do not notify us of your wish to cancel, the service will remain in place for 12 months and the cost to You, the Landlord, will be deducted from Your Monthly Rental Income.
- 24.10** If the Tenant falls into arrears and You are receiving any of the benefits of the Service You will not be entitled to cancel the Service, until such time that either the Tenant puts Us in funds or possession of the Property is taken.
- 24.11** If the Tenant has not paid the full Rent due within 31 Days of the Rent due date, then the late Rent payments (equating to two Months will be payable to You within a 75 Day period from when the first full Month's Rent payment was initially due.
- 24.12** Monthly payments, equating to a maximum of 15 Months' Rent, subject to a limited indemnity of £100,000, will then be paid one Month in arrears, on an on-going basis until such time that either the Tenants put Us in funds or possession of the Property is taken.
- 24.13** Payments will be made subject to any deductions detailed within Our Agency Agreement and Our Schedule of Fees, such as Our Management charge and contractor invoices.
- 24.14** The Service is fully transferable to ensure continuous protection even when the Tenants change (subject to clause 25.5).
- 24.15** If legal representation is necessary, We will appoint a preferred law firm as the legal representative and full co-operation from You as may be required by Us or the appointed legal representative
- 24.16** Costs or repossession of the Property will not be covered by the Service unless the Property is let under one of the following agreements:
- An Assured Shorthold Tenancy under the 1988 Housing Act.
 - A Company Residential Tenancy (Company let) created after the 28th of February 1997 where the Tenant is a Private Limited Company (Ltd) or Public Limited Company (Plc) and the Property is let purely for residential purposes to an employee of the Tenant.
 - A Law of Contract Agreement not governed by the Housing Act 1988, the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988 and the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016.
 - A Short Assured Tenancy or Assured Tenancy as defined in the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988.
 - A Private Residential Tenancy Agreement created after 1st December 2017 as defined within the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016.
- 24.17** If You are an existing Landlord completing and signing this new Terms of Business and You request to add the Service mid-Tenancy i.e. after the commencement of the Tenancy Agreement, You will only benefit from the service after 60 Days but will be subject to charges as per Our Schedule of Fees. The Tenant must not accrue any Rent arrears which have not been paid in full, before the 60 Day timescale, or the service will be cancelled on Day 61.
- 24.18** The Service does not include:
- Pay-outs where the legal representative We appoint does not believe that We will be more likely than not to win the case.
 - Any legal problems which started prior to the commencement of the Service.
 - Any costs which exceed the indemnity limit of £100,000.
 - Any costs if You appoint Your own legal representative. Any legal action You take, which We or the appointed legal representative have not agreed to, or where You do anything that hinders Us, or the appointed legal representative.
 - Property damage legal expenses where the amount in dispute is £1,000.00 or less.
 - The cost of any Property damage caused by the Tenant.
 - Costs relating to everyday maintenance of the Property for which the Tenant is not liable under the Tenancy Agreement, for example general wear and tear.
 - Any fines, penalties, compensation or damages You are ordered to pay by a court or other authority.
 - Rent arrears once the Property is re-let.
 - Contract disputes where the agreement entered into is dated before the commencement of this service.
 - Contract disputes where the amount in dispute is less than £100.00 (including VAT)
 - The non-performance of Your obligations under the Tenancy Agreement and the Housing Act 1988 (excluding defence costs).
 - The payment or non-payment of service charges as defined within the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985.
 - Any costs relating to registering rents, reviewing rents, rent control, buying the freehold of the Property, or any other matter that relates to Rent tribunals, rates tribunals, land tribunals, Rent assessment committees and rent officers.

- xv. Any costs and expenses arising from or relating to judicial review, coroner's inquest or fatal accident enquiry.
- xvi. Any costs or expenses caused by, contributed to or arising from:
 - a) Ionising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from burning nuclear fuel;
 - b) The radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear part of it;
 - c) War, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostiles (whether war is declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, military force or coup, or any other act of terrorism as defined in the Terrorism Act 2000;
 - d) Pressure waves caused by aircraft or any other airborne devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speeds.

24.19 For the avoidance of doubt, Brand Vaughan is not authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority. The Service offered is a contractual guarantee, but not an insurance policy.

25. CLIENT IDENTIFICATION

25.1 Under the provisions of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 it is a legal requirement that the Agent must be able to identify their client. Therefore, all private Landlords/ legal owners of the Property are required to furnish the Agent with a copy of their Passport or EU photo Driving Licence and proof of address, to be held on file in accordance with the Data Protection Act of 2018 and Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (amendments etc) (EU Exit) regulations 2019 (SI 2019/429). Where there are Joint Landlords, a copy of the relevant identification for each Landlord will be required. Where the Landlord is a Company, at least two Directors or a Director and Company Secretary must furnish Us with relevant identification.

26. DATA PROTECTION ACT

26.1 In order to comply with the Data Protection Act of 2018, UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and The Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendments etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (SI 2019/429), to prevent any unauthorised access to or use of personal data, the Agent has the responsibility to keep the Landlord's personal information and that of any Tenant or Occupier confidential, and will only use the personal information of the Landlord if fees are not paid and the Agent wishes to refer the matter to a Solicitor; or if the Agent is specifically required to divulge the information by law; or pass it to a Government Agency by law; or to comply with any terms of this Agreement. Please refer to Our website for Our Privacy and Cookies Policy which explains the use We make of personal data We receive in the course of Our work including details of how to contact Our Data Protection Officer. You can find this at www.brandvaughan.co.uk.

26.2 Your Obligations - If You send Us personal data about anyone other than Yourself You agree that You will ensure You have any appropriate consents and notices in place to enable You to transfer that personal data to Us, and so that We may use it for the purposes for which You provide it to Us.

26.3 In the event that the Property is not Managed by Us and the Landlord will be in direct contact with the Tenant for Management of the Tenancy, the Landlord is required to register with the ICO as they will be deemed a data handler.

27. CLIENTS' MONEY

27.1 Clients' money is held in a client account the details of which can be obtained from any of Our Offices. Monies in this account can include but is not limited to Tenant's Deposits and Rent instalments paid in advance.

27.2 Any interest accrued on monies that the Agent holds on the Landlord's behalf will be retained to cover bank and administration charges etc. Any commission earned while acting on the Landlord's behalf will be retained to cover costs; and any fees paid by a Tenant will be retained. Full details of fees paid by a Tenant can be obtained from the Agent's website.

27.3 As per The Client Money Protection Schemes for Property Agents (Requirement to Belong to a Scheme) Regulations 2019, from 1 April 2019, all Property Agents in England holding client money must belong to a government-approved Client Money Protection Scheme. Brand Vaughan is a member of the government-approved Client Protection Scheme Propertymark (propertymark.co.uk/working-in-theindustry/memberrequirements/client-money-protection). A copy of the certificate confirming our Membership can be provided upon request, free of charge.

28. SALE OF PROPERTY

28.1 A sales fee will be charged if a tenant, connected person or someone we've introduced purchases your property. This fee will be based on the price achieved and may include discussing the sales price, agreeing the purchase price and moving the sale along.

29. WAIVER

29.1 No actions performed by either the Landlord or the Agent shall prevent the other subsequently insisting upon his rights and remedies under this Agreement.

30. ARBITRATION

30.1 Any dispute between Landlord and Agent arising out of this Agreement may be referred by either or both Parties to a sole arbitrator to be agreed between the Landlord and Agent.

31. CHANGES TO THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

31.1 The Agent may alter these Terms & Conditions at any time in writing. They will be binding on all Landlords following one Month's written notice. If the amendments are due to statutory changes, they will take effect immediately upon written notification.

31.2 All fees and charges stated in the 'You & Your Property' form, 'Our Agreement' form, 'Terms & Conditions' and the pertaining 'Schedule of Fees' are subject to review at Our discretion. If these charges are to be adjusted, We shall notify You in writing, effective within one Month's notice.

31.3 The Agent reserves the right to assign the Terms of the contract and/or obligations under these Terms & Conditions upon giving the Landlord written notice, which will be effective immediately.

31.4 The Agent will not accept any alterations to these Terms & Conditions unless agreed by Us in writing prior to the commencement of the contract, a copy of which to be annexed to these Terms & Conditions.

32. CODES OF PRACTICE

32.1 This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales and the Courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction in respect of any dispute under it. The Agent complies with all laws relating to the Letting and Management of Residential Property and in particular to the Data Protection Act of 2018 and Data Protection, UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), Privacy and Electronic Communications (amendments etc) (EU Exit) regulations 2019 (SI 2019/429), Unfair Terms in Consumer Contracts Regulations 1999, the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 (CPRs), Consumer Contracts (Information, Cancellation and Additional Charges) Regulations 2013, Business Protection from Misleading Marketing Regulations 2008 (BPRs), Energy Act 2011 (Green Deal), Landlord and Tenant Act 1985, Housing Act 2004 (Tenancy Deposits) and all other current and relevant primary and secondary legislation.

32.2 The Agent and the Landlord must comply with the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008. Statements must be factually correct in all communications and the Agent must not give a potential Tenant the wrong impression about the Property to be Let. Prior to marketing the Landlord should disclose to the Agent any material information that might affect a prospective Tenant's decision to rent the Property. Failure to do so could lead to a claim being made against the Landlord. The Agent is required under the above Regulations to disclose this information to interested parties.

32.3 Under the Unfair Terms in Consumer Contracts Regulations 1994 We are legally required to ensure that Our standard Terms are fully understood and acceptable. If You do not understand or do not wish to accept any of Our Terms, please tell Us and We will be pleased to discuss them with You. By signing the 'Our Agreement' form and these 'Terms & Conditions', You acknowledge and accept Our Terms and agree to be bound by the conditions outlined within them.

32.4 The Agent is a member of ARLA Propertymark and adheres to the Codes of Practice.

33. COMPLAINTS/REDRESS

A copy of Our complaints procedure is available online. The Agent is a Member of The Property Ombudsman Redress (TPO) Scheme (www.tpos.co.uk) and subscribes to the TPO Code of Practice

34. SCHEDULE OF FEES – All fees are inclusive of VAT

LANDLORD FEES		
CORE FEES		
Tenancy Arrangement Fee	£162 (net £135)	
Management Fee payable monthly	14.4% (net 12%)	
Tenancy Renewal Fee	£162 (net £135)	
Referencing Fee	£60 (net £50) per person	
ADDITIONAL FEES MAY APPLY		
Deposit Registration	£54 (net £45) per annum	
No Deposit Scheme	£54 (net £45) per annum	
Withdrawal Fee for Failed Tenancy Start	£300 (net £250)	
Withdrawal Fee post Tenancy Commencing	Fee equal to 1 months rent	
Compliance Checks and Certificates		
Gas Safety Record & Service	£156 (net £130)	
Smoke Alarms Test	£72 (net £60) - Battery operated £150 (net £125) - Mains operated	
Carbon Monoxide Test	£47.40 (net £39.50) - If carried out as part of gas safety £72 (net £60) - If separately ordered / standalone	
Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR)		
Studio, 1 or 2 bedrooms	£198 (net £165)	
3-4 bedrooms	£228 (net £190)	
5+ bedrooms	£270 (net £225)	
Portable Appliance Test (PAT)		
1-5 appliances	£120 (net £100)	
6-10 appliances	£180 (net £150)	
Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)	£144 (net £120)	
HMO		
Fire Risk Assessment	From £240 (net £200) Please contact us for individual price	
Rent and Legal Protection		
Rents up to £2500pcm	£29.90 per month (net £24.92)	
Rents £2500.01 - £5000pcm	£35 per month (net £29.17)	
Rents £5000.01 - £7500pcm	£65 per month (net £54.17)	
Property Condition Assessments		
Inventory Check-in & Schedule of Condition	Unfurnished	Furnished
Studio or 1 bedroom	£216 (net £180)	£252 (net £210)
Additional Fee per bedroom	£12 (net £10)	£18 (net £15)
Checkout		
Studio or 1 bedroom	£144 (net £120)	£144 (net £120)
Additional Fee per bedroom	£12 (net £10)	£12 (net £10)
Misc		
Sales commission if tenant purchases property	To be agreed between parties	
Changeover of tenant fee	£216 (net £180) plus referencing fees	
Additional Keys	Actual cost plus £18 admin fee (net £15)	

DECLARATION

By signing this Agreement I/We authorise Michael Jones to act as my/our Agent in the Letting and/or Management as indicated in this Agreement of my/our Property and in accordance with these Terms & Conditions, which I/We have received, understand and accept. I/We also confirm that the information provided by me/us is correct to the best of my/our knowledge and accept that Michael Jones cannot be held liable for any incorrect information supplied.

I/We have been informed that the Agent will retain my/our personal details for six years once the business relationship as terminated to comply with the Limitation Act 1980 and also to fulfil any request from HM Revenue & Customs for information which must be provided according to statute.

Landlord 1 Signature & Print

Sign:

Print:

Date:

Landlord 2 Signature & Print

Sign:

Print:

Date:

Agent Signature & Print

Sign:

Print:

Date:

CANCELLATION NOTICE

Complete and return this form **ONLY IF YOU WISH TO CANCEL THE CONTRACT.**

To: (name, address and email address of person concerned):

I/We hereby give notice that I/We cancel my/our contract for the service as set out in these terms of business signed on:

Name(s):

Address:

Signature(s):

Initials:

Date:



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