

First-tier Tribunal (General Regulatory Chamber) Charity

Appeal Reference: CA/2017/0006

Decided without a hearing On 13 October 2017

Before

JUDGE J HOLBROOK

Between

JOSEPH ACKERMAN

Appellant

and

THE CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Respondent

DECISION AND REASONS

DECISION

The appeal is struck out pursuant to rule 8(2)(a) of the Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (General Regulatory Chamber) Rules 2009.

REASONS

- 1. By a Notice of Appeal presented on 31 August 2017, Mr Ackerman makes a wide-ranging complaint about the conduct of the Charity Commission (and others) in their dealings with a charity called Delapage Limited.
- 2. The Tribunal may only hear appeals against the decisions, directions or orders of the Charity Commission that are listed in column one of schedule 6 to the Charities Act 2011 (as amended).
- 3. Upon preliminary consideration, it did not appear to me that the appeal concerns a decision, direction or order of the Charity Commission which is capable of being appealed to the Tribunal. I therefore issued directions on 8 September 2017 for Mr Ackerman to provide the Tribunal with a copy of the decision, direction or order being appealed and to identify the relevant entry in the schedule conferring jurisdiction on the Tribunal in relation to it. I also warned Mr Ackerman that I was minded to strike out the appeal on the ground that the Tribunal has no jurisdiction to deal with it.
- 4. Mr Ackerman replied by email on 19 September. He did not provide a copy of any particular decision, direction or order made by the Charity Commission, but instead re-stated his complaint in general terms and expressed disappointment that the Tribunal cannot investigate it. Mr Ackerman also pointed out that a four-week period of Jewish High Holidays was about to commence and submitted that the appeal should not be struck out during that period.
- 5. Having considered Mr Ackerman's representations, I am satisfied that no decision which gives rise to a right of appeal to the Tribunal has been made and that the Tribunal therefore has no jurisdiction in this matter. It follows that the appeal must now be struck out and I have directed accordingly. I have no discretion in this matter.
- 6. I am aware that the Jewish holiday period has not yet ended. However, Mr Ackerman has been afforded a reasonable period in which to make representations on the jurisdictional issue. Indeed, he has made his representations and there is nothing

to indicate that there may be more to be said which would cause me to alter my view. I therefore see no reason to defer this decision any longer.

Signed J W Holbrook

Judge of the First-tier Tribunal Date: 13 October 2017