

Annual Assurance Statement 2021

Compliance Statement

The Board, in its capacity as the governing body of Abertay Housing Association, is satisfied that Abertay Housing Association is compliant with the requirements of Chapter Three of the Regulatory Framework and the Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management.

Gaining assurance

The Board has gained this satisfaction from being involved in the formulation and evaluation of a comprehensive compliance framework of evidence and an action plan. The Annual Assurance Statement Evidence and Action Plan Framework is an encyclopaedia of evidence incorporating: governing body reports, minutes of governing body meetings, strategic documents, external and internal audit reports, external consultant reports, performance reports, policies, advice and good practice guidance.

The Coronavirus Pandemic COVID-19

With regard to compliance, the Board has monitored and taken account of the serious and devastating health and financial implications associated with the coronavirus pandemic. The Association has adapted our business plan, adjusted our strategic and operational activities and we have adjusted our annual budget and financial assumptions to take account of the serious health and financial implications. The Association has also adhered to the Scottish Government's advice as well as the advice and guidance of the Scottish Housing Regulator and all other regulatory bodies, in addition to the good practice issued by the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations.

Ongoing monitoring

The Annual Assurance Statement Evidence and Action Plan Framework will be constantly updated by management and monitored by the Board to ensure suitable and sufficient oversight and scrutiny and provide continuous assurance that the Association maintains compliance with Chapter Three of the Regulatory Framework and Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management.

The Board is mindful of its obligation to notify the Scottish Housing Regulator, via the Notifiable Events procedure, should an event, act or omission to act, be material to the Association's compliance with Chapter Three of the Regulatory Framework and the Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management. It is with this obligation in mind that the Scottish Housing Regulator has been kept informed by way of the submission of Notifiable Events throughout the coronavirus pandemic.

Improvement focus

Having achieved compliance in March 2021 our focus will now be on maintaining and enhancing compliance. It is with enhancing compliance in mind that the Association gives the assurance that it has an effective approach to the collection of equalities information and that it will continue to consider and respect equality and human rights in all that it does.

Authority to sign and submit

In my capacity as Chair of Abertay Housing Association I was authorised by the Board at the Board Meeting on Wednesday 27 October 2021 to sign the Association's Annual Assurance Statement. I can also confirm that the Annual Assurance Statement will be published on the Association's website on the day after it is submitted to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Chair's Name Kathleen Mands

Chair's Signature

Date 27 October 2021