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Dear Stephen

### **Annual Assurance Statement**

The Board of Albyn Housing Society confirm that we have reviewed and assessed a comprehensive schedule of evidence to support this statement of annual assurance.

We are assured of our level of compliance with all the relevant requirements set out at chapter 3 of the Framework, including:

- all relevant standards and outcomes in the Scottish Social Housing Charter
- all relevant legislative duties
- the Standards of Governance and Financial Management

In assessing the evidence, we have adopted an improvement focus which has resulted in the creation of an Improvement Plan which we have begun to implement. We will continue to progress these actions and are satisfied that all are intended to deliver effective improvement, and that none are material to our current compliance with the Framework. These actions involve improvement of the Governance of one of our subsidiaries, which will be completed by December 2022, and two of our strategies, Asset Management and Equalities and Human Rights. Our Board has been given additional information on the progress of these improvements with final completions by March 2023 on all outstanding actions.

Notwithstanding our view that we are materially compliant, we recognise the ongoing challenges that Albyn has faced since June 2021. We engage with our regulatory body on a regular basis and the arduous work of our Board and Staff has seen considerable progress made to date.

We recognise that we are required to notify the Scottish Housing Regulator of any changes in our compliance during the year and are assured that we have effective arrangements in place to enable us to do so.

As Chair, I was authorised by the Board at a meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022 to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator. We will publish this statement on our website.

Yours sincerely

Lesley McInnes

**Chair of Board**  
**Albyn Housing Society**