



ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT 2022

| Standard | Level of Compliance |
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| 1. The governing body leads and directs the RSL to achieve good outcomes for its tenants and other service users. | Compliant |
| 2. The RSL is open and accountable for what it does. It understands and takes account of the needs and priorities of its tenants, service users and stakeholders. And its primary focus is the sustainable achievement of these priorities. | Compliant |
| 3. The RSL manages its resources to ensure its financial well-being, while maintaining rents at a level that tenants can afford to pay. | Compliant |
| 4. The governing body bases its decisions on good quality information and advice and identifies and mitigates risk to the organisation's purpose. | Compliant |
| 5. The RSL conducts its affairs with honesty and integrity. | Compliant |
| 6. The governing body and senior officers have the skills and knowledge they need to be effective. | Compliant |
| 7. The RSL ensures that any organisational changes or disposals it makes safeguard the interests of, and benefit, current and future tenants. | Compliant |

We, the Board of Management of Angus Housing Association met on the Wednesday 19th October 2022 and having considered the standards noted above, state that we comply as noted above, with the regulatory requirements set out in Chapter 3 of the Regulatory Framework and that there are no areas of material non-compliance in the operation or service delivery of the work of the Association.

We are assured that Angus Housing Association has the necessary arrangements in place to identify any risk to compliance in the course of the conduct of our business and governance arrangements.

In reviewing the evidence and assessing compliance, we have taken account of good practice have gained this assurance from a detailed review of our evidence base. The evidence which supports this statement includes:

- Reports on performance in key areas such as financial health, service delivery, asset management, development and risk management
- Internal and external audit reports
- Advice from external and specialist advisors
- Data analysis and customer feedback
- Benchmarking
- Reports, advice and information from senior staff
- Policies and Strategy

Whilst we have assessed no areas of material non-compliance, we are not fully compliant with EICR certification and have 138 properties which do not have a valid EICR. This is a direct result of the pandemic and understandable tenant concerns about potential transmission of Covid by inspecting contractors, who require access to every room in a property to carry out these inspections. We have a contractor appointed and are working with our tenants to complete the outstanding inspections. All inspections are scheduled to be completed by March 2023. As at the end of October 2022, our compliance is 92%. We intend to restate our ARC performance against this indicator currently categorised as “in abeyance” for the purpose of the SHQS.

We continue to identify areas of review and improvement to ensure that the Board of Management and staff are driving improvements for our customers.

In considering our compliance with our legal and regulatory requirements in 2022 we have taken account of the residual impact of the Covid pandemic.

We continue to monitor and manage our business plan, budget, financial assumptions and risks and understand our obligations for good governance of the Association.

As Chair, I am authorised by the Board at the above meeting to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator and can confirm that the statement is being published on our website on the same date that it is submitted to the SHR.