

Annual Assurance Statement 2023

Argyll Community Housing Association (RSL No. 360)

1. The Board of Management is satisfied that, to the best of our knowledge, Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA) is compliant with the requirements of Chapter Three of the Regulatory Framework and Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management. We have gained this assurance from a review of a comprehensive bank of evidence and from our ongoing oversight and scrutiny of ACHA's affairs throughout the year 2022-23.
2. The evidence bank combines reports, policies, advice and information which the Board monitors and oversees on an ongoing basis throughout the year to provide continuous assurance that ACHA is compliant. Additionally, the evidence bank incorporates relevant documents and information that contribute to our assurance and which form the structure of ACHA's business and governance activities. In reviewing the evidence, we have taken account of good practice advice.
3. We have adopted an improvement focus which has resulted in the creation of an Action Plan which we have begun to implement and will continue to progress during the course of the year. We have reviewed the identified actions in the improvement action plan and are satisfied that all are intended to deliver effective improvement and that none are material to our current compliance with the Framework.
4. We recognise that we are required to notify the SHR of any changes in our compliance during the course of the year and are assured that we have effective arrangements in place to enable us to do so. We are assured that ACHA has the necessary arrangements in place to identify any risks to compliance in the course of the conduct of our business and governance arrangements. The Board has been actively involved in the development and assessment of the evidence bank and monitors regulatory and legal compliance on a regular and ongoing basis.
5. In reviewing our compliance with the Regulatory Framework, we are assured that we have established appropriate systems for the collection of equalities data. We are assured that we are working towards using this data to take account of equality and human rights issues in our decisions, policy-making and day-to-day service delivery.
6. We are satisfied that we meet all of our duties in relation to tenant and resident safety. In particular, we have gained the necessary evidence-based assurance of our compliance in respect of duties relating to gas, electrical, fire, water and lift safety and our obligations relating to asbestos, damp and mould.

Chairperson's signature:

Date completed by the Board of Management: 5 October 2023