



## Argyll and Bute Council

### Housing Annual Assurance Statement 2019

#### Legislative Compliance

We can confirm that Argyll and Bute Council achieves all the standards and outcomes for people who are homeless and others who use our services:-

- All relevant regulatory requirements set out in Chapter 3 of the Regulatory Framework
- All relevant standards and outcomes in the Scottish Housing Social Charter
- All relevant legislative duties

Argyll and Bute Council can confirm that there were no breaches of the Unsuitable Accommodation Order in 2018/19.

Argyll and Bute Council can confirm that there were no health and safety breaches in 2018/19 in relation to homelessness resulting in intervention by the Health and Safety Executive.

In 2019 The Scottish Housing Regulator notified Argyll and Bute Council that they would be engaging with the Council over 2 areas of work based on the Scottish Government national statistics for 2017/18 and the Annual Returns of the Charter :-

- Argyll and Bute's assessment of homeless applications
- Outcomes for people who are homeless

#### Argyll and Bute's Assessment of Homeless Applications

| No. | Area of Engagement   | Progress Made  |
|-----|--|--|
| 1.  | The percentage of households assessed as not homeless nor threatened with homelessness is above the Scottish average | <b>Argyll and Bute figures</b> - 5.6% of cases at the end of 2018/19 compared to 7.5 % of cases in 2017/18<br><b>Scottish Average for 2018/19</b> – 3.8% |

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| 2. | The percentage of households assessed as intentionally homeless is above the Scottish average                     | <b>Argyll and Bute figures</b> - 5.6% of cases at the end of 2018/19 compared to 7.3% in 2017/18<br><br><b>Scottish Average for 2018/19</b> – 5.1%           |
| 3. | The percentage of households withdrawing their homeless application before decision is above the Scottish average | <b>Argyll and Bute figures</b> – 4.3% of cases at the end of 2018/19 compared to 4.8 % of cases in 2017/18<br><br><b>Scottish Average for 2018/19</b> – 4.1% |

#### Outcomes for People who are Homeless

| No. | Area of Engagement  | Progress Made  |
|-----|---|--|
| 1.  | The percentage of people in Argyll and Bute assessed as unintentionally homeless which it provided with a Scottish Secure Tenancy is below the Scottish average | <b>Argyll and Bute Figure for 2018/19</b> – 66%<br><br><b>Scottish Figure for 2018/19</b> – 66%<br><br>82% of all unintentionally homeless cases secured settled accommodation in 2018/19 compare to 71% across Scotland |
| 2.  | There are a relatively high number of people waiting for more than one year for an outcome  | Argyll and Bute Council is working with partners to implement a Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan which will address this situation  |

I can confirm that the Council has sufficient assurance and scrutiny processes in place to support this statement.

Signed

Pippa Milne

**Executive Director**

Signed

Councillor Robin Currie

**Policy Lead for Housing, Roads and Infrastructure Services – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019**