Our Annual Assurance Statement

The Board confirms that we have reviewed and assessed a comprehensive bank of evidence to support this Statement that Berwickshire Housing Association (BHA) is compliant with:

- All relevant regulatory requirements as set out in Section Three of the Regulatory Framework
- The Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management
- The relevant standards and outcomes of the Scottish Social Housing Charter
- All relevant legislative duties

In reviewing compliance, we adopt an improvement focus and have identified some improvement actions which are incorporated in our Business Plan priorities. Progress in achieving agreed actions is monitored by our Executive Team and Board.

In reviewing our compliance with the Regulatory Framework, we are satisfied that we are continuing our work towards having appropriate systems in place for the collection of equalities data. We utilise customer insight data, including anonymised protected characteristics information, to take account of equality and human rights issues in our decisions, policy-making and day-to-day service delivery.

We confirm that we have comprehensive, robust, up to date information about the construction, components and condition of our homes. We use this information to ensure the safety of our tenants' and residents' homes and to inform our asset management and financial planning.

We confirm that we meet all duties in relation to tenant and resident safety, and that we have obtained appropriate assurance about our compliance with all relevant safety requirements including:

- Gas safety
- Electrical safety
- Water safety
- Fire safety
- Asbestos
- Damp and Mould
- Lift safety

We recognise that we are required to notify the SHR of any changes in our compliance during the year and are satisfied 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 13th October 2026 to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Hugh Carr, Chair