

ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT 2023

The Management Committee of Blochairn Housing Association has carried out a comprehensive review of compliance with the Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management and the requirements of Chapter Three of the Regulatory Framework.

The evidence bank combines reports, policies, advice and information which the Management Committee monitors and oversees on an ongoing basis to provide continuous assurance.

In 2022 the Management Committee highlighted areas where it was working towards compliance and from the evidence reviewed we were assured that a significant number of improvements have been carried out over the period, including the areas of Tenant Health and Safety.

We are aware that we still have some work to do, as per appendix one, however we are satisfied that appropriate plans and processes are in place to achieve these. We do not consider any of the outstanding issues to be of material significance.

We are also assured that we now have appropriate systems in place for the collection of equalities data and that we take account of this and human rights issues in our decisions, policy-making and day-to-day service delivery.

As Chair, I was authorised by the Management Committee at a meeting held on the 24th October 2023 to sign and submit this Annual Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Yours Faithfully

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Appendix One — Working Towards Compliance

Standard 1 The governing body leads and directs the RSL to achieve good outcomes for its tenants and other service users.		
Standard	Current position	Work undertaken/on- going
1.3	We are working towards completion of all tenant Health and Safety requirements and we anticipate this will all be complete by Dec 2023, and kept under review thereafter for full compliance.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gas safety checks 100% complete. 2. Electrical Safety Checks 99.32% complete. No.2 are outstanding and we are engaging with those Tenants to complete this work. 3. Asbestos checks complete by external company and the asbestos register has been updated. 4. Loft inspections complete and confirmed no stored water tanks Legionella Policy to be drafted. 5. Fire safety checks have been carried out. No issues raised. Fire Policy to be approved. 6. Damp and mould policy to be implemented in line with recent guidelines.
Standard 4 The governing body bases its decisions on good quality information and advice and identifies and mitigates risks to the organisation's purpose.		
4.5	The RSL has an internal audit function. Internal Auditors were appointed in March 2023. Their work commences in December 2023.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Audit needs assessment was carried out and approved by the MC. 2. A three year audit plan is in place and will be reviewed annually.
Standard 6 The governing body and senior officers have the skills and knowledge they need to be effective.		
6.5	Induction policy has to be reviewed.	This will be implemented in November 2023 in line with training for new Co-optee expected to join then.

Governance Improvement Plan		
	Policy Reviews	We are still working through our olic review timetable. This will be
		reviewed and presented to the MC for a roval in November 2023.
2.	MC training	A comprehensive training programme has been implemented and is on- oin
3.	Staff Appraisals	Relevant Staff appraisals should be complete by the end of the calendar ear.