

## **Places for People Scotland Annual Assurance Statement**

Places for People Scotland is a trading name of Castle Rock Edinvar Housing Association Limited.

Places for People Scotland comply with –

- all relevant regulatory requirements set out in section 3 of the Regulatory Framework
- all relevant standards and outcomes in the Scottish Social Housing Charter
- all relevant legislative duties
- the Standards of Governance and Financial Management

I confirm that I have seen and considered appropriate evidence to support the level of assurance we have. It can only provide reasonable assurance – not absolute assurance – against material misstatement or loss. The board's approach to risk management is supported by a structured assurance framework which includes the Audit & Risk Committee.

We note the Scottish Housing Regulator's request to distinguish matters of non-compliance related to the Covid pandemic from other non-compliance. We have notified the Regulator of our position in relation to the number of outstanding Electrical Installation Condition Reports (EICRs) needed to achieve full compliance and are keeping them updated on this matter. We anticipate achieving full compliance by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 and are deploying additional resource to ensure delivery. We confirm that there are no other areas of non-compliance, pandemic related or otherwise, to report.

We can confirm that sector guidance on the collection of equalities data has been considered against our existing approaches to confirm that all statutory requirements are being met. We are taking our data collection plans forward and where opportunities to strengthen our approach to align with best practice have been identified, implementation is planned through existing programmes of work. Our adopted equality and diversity policy confirms that we will adopt a human rights approach in our work.

This was confirmed on the 24 August 2022 at the Places for People Scotland Board meeting where the Statement was considered and agreed.

**Graham Waddell**  
Places for People Scotland Chair