



## **Castlehill Housing Association: Annual Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator.**

Subject to the exception detailed below, the Management Committee of Castlehill Housing Association (CHA) is satisfied that CHA is compliant with the requirements of Chapter Three of the Regulatory Framework and the Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management, with all relevant standards in the Scottish Social Housing Charter and all relevant legislative duties. We have gained this assurance from scrutiny of comprehensive evidence supplied to us by senior management and from our ongoing governance and oversight of CHA. Where appropriate, we have obtained external support to provide us with additional assurance that our approach is effective and robust.

The evidence provided combines reports, policies, audit activities, advice and information that the Management Committee monitors and oversees throughout the year to provide continuous assurance that CHA is compliant. The evidence incorporates relevant documents and information that contribute to our assurance and that structure CHA's business and governance activities.

In considering our compliance with our legal and regulatory requirements in 2022, we have taken account of the continued impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. We have adjusted our service delivery as restrictions eased, and we are confident that the measures that we have put in place and the contingency planning that we have implemented have ensured that we are able to continue to meet our responsibilities to our tenants, service users, regulators and funders.

We currently have 8 properties which do not have a valid EICR. This is a direct consequence of access difficulties due to the pandemic and understandable tenant concerns over potential transmission, given the need for contractors to access all rooms. We have a clear plan in place to address this and anticipate full compliance by mid-December 2022.

In reviewing our compliance with the Regulatory Framework, we are assured that we are working towards having appropriate systems in place 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.

We are assured that CHA has the necessary arrangements in place to identify any risks to compliance in the course of the conduct of our business and governance arrangements, and we recognise the requirement to notify the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) of any changes in our compliance during the course of the year.

We confirm that this Assurance Statement is being published on the CHA website on the same date that it is submitted to the SHR.

As Chair, I was authorised by the Management Committee at a meeting held on 24th October 2022 to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Signed: Bob Hutcheson, Convener.

Date: 24 October 2022