

Annual Assurance Statement October 2022



This is the **Annual Assurance Statement** of **Drumchapel Housing Co-operative Ltd** as agreed by the Management Board on **25 October 2022**; whereby we agreed that, to the best of our knowledge, there are **no areas of material non-compliance** to report.

The Management Board are satisfied that we have seen and considered a sufficient appropriate and reliable evidence bank of reports, policies, advice, and information which the Board monitors and oversees on an ongoing basis throughout the year to provide continuous assurance that Drumchapel Housing Co-operative Limited is compliant and, to confirm our level of assurance is proportionate for our business and our context. We advise that, to the best of our knowledge and understanding, Drumchapel Housing Co-operative Limited complies with:

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

and acknowledge the requirement to notify the Scottish Housing Regulator of any changes to the Annual Assurance Statement throughout the year.

Whilst declaring our compliance, we would like, in the interests of transparency and self-governance, to draw attention to two areas. We have reviewed these areas and have assured ourselves that they are non-material, however, we would like to declare for your information and consideration as detailed below:

Again, this year, we have taken account of the impact the Covid-19 pandemic has had on the business; economic and social disruption and we believe that we have complied fully with guidance from the **UK and Scottish Government** in respect of managing through the pandemic which have informed our assurances as a Board. Going forward, we are concentrating on recovering from the pandemic.

In reviewing our compliance with the Regulatory Framework, we are assured that we have 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 have obtained external support to provide us with additional assurance that our approach is effective and robust.

We would also like to highlight that whilst we are compliant with regulatory standards, we

have concerns regarding the potential implications of the recent Scottish Government proposals for rent freezes and eviction restrictions and the uncertainty around these. Our concerns particularly relate to Regulatory Standards 1, 2, 3 and 4. We are concerned regarding the potential impact of these decision in relation to the longer term sustainability of the Co-operative.

In undertaking our self-assessment, we identified areas that need more work either as a direct result of the pandemic or some that we feel need to improve; we do not consider any of the actions as materially non-compliant and have a plan in place to address the areas highlighted within a timeframe of up to 18 months.

This 2022 Annual Assurance Statement is publicly available on our website; social media; Newsletter and available from our office on request.

As Chair, I David O'Hara was authorised by the Board at a meeting held on 25 October 2022 to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Signed:

Chairperson. Date:

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