

Dumfries and Galloway Housing Partnership Assurance Statement 2019

As required by the Scottish Housing Regulator, Dumfries and Galloway Housing Partnership (DGHP) has produced the following statement of assurance on the organisation's compliance with regulatory requirements.

1. To the best of the Board's knowledge, DGHP materially complies with all the regulatory requirements set out in Chapter 3 of the Regulatory Framework, except as noted below.
2. We confirm that we comply with all of the standards and outcomes in the Scottish Social Housing Charter for tenants, people who are homeless and others who use our services.
3. We confirm that we comply with all legislative duties.
4. We have identified the following areas of material non-compliance with the Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management:

Area of material non-compliance	How we plan to achieve compliance	Date of projected Compliance
<p>Standard 3.3: DGHP identified a weakness in its data and data management systems in early 2019, and therefore does not have assurance on effectiveness of systems to monitor and accurately report delivery of its asset management plans.</p>	<p>We commissioned a full stock condition survey and received the final results at the end of September 2019. Accurate data will be uploaded and reporting systems in use by the end of December 2019.</p>	<p>January 2020</p>
<p>Standard 3.7: DGHP identified a weakness in its data and data management systems in early 2019, and therefore does not have assurance on effectiveness of systems to provide accurate and timely statutory returns to the Scottish Housing Regulator, or the accuracy of data previously provided. We do have assurance relating to provision of regulatory financial returns.</p>	<p>We commissioned a full stock condition survey and received the final results at the end of September 2019. Initial results of the Stock Condition Survey indicate a higher than previously reported compliance with SHQS and ESSH. The Stock Condition survey reports SHQS compliance as at 76.55% and ESSH compliance at 80% as at the end of September 2019. Accurate data will be uploaded and reporting systems in use by the end of January 2020.</p>	<p>January 2020</p> <p>September 2020 for full SHQS compliance</p> <p>December 2020 for full ESSH compliance</p>

The board of management last considered compliance with relevant regulatory requirements in January 2019. We adopted an action plan to address areas of non-compliance identified at that time,

and prepared a Governance Improvement Plan and shared it with the Scottish Housing Regulator. Progress has been made in line with the agreed actions and timescales, and the planned improvements set out above show how DGHP will move to full compliance.

The Board of Management of Dumfries and Galloway Housing Partnership considered and agreed this Assurance Statement at its meeting on 22 October 2019.

We confirm that the Board has seen and considered appropriate evidence to support the level of assurance stated here. This evidence is recorded in a written form that can be shared with the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Signed by:



Chairman, Dumfries and Galloway Housing Partnership Ltd

Name: William B Robertson

Date: 22 October 2019