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### **Assurance Statement 2024 by the Board of Dunbritton Housing Association**

The Dunbritton Board is aware that at present they are in breach of the association's rules (59:11) as the elected chair has held this position more than 5 years. Therefore, on this basis, the Association is not compliant with Regulatory Standard 1.3. The Board will develop and agree a transitional succession plan at its away day to be held on Saturday 26 October 2024. The Board is obtaining specialist governance support to help it address this breach of governance effectively and within the earliest possible timescale. The Association will continue to keep the SHR fully informed about its progress in resolving this matter.

In all other aspects the Association is compliant with the Regulatory Framework and the Standards of Governance and Financial Management. Throughout the year 2023/2024, the Board has reviewed evidence and documentation, including those retained within Dunbritton's Electronic Evidence Bank. The evidence bank compiles reports on key areas, including information, policies, benchmarking, internal and external audit reports, and advice, which the Board continuously monitors and oversees throughout the year to ensure Dunbritton Housing Association's compliance. Furthermore, the evidence bank includes relevant documents and information that support our assurance and form the foundation of the Association's business and governance activities.

In reviewing this evidence and assessing compliance, the Board has taken account of good practice advice and has obtained external support to provide them with additional assurance that Dunbritton's approach is compliant, effective, and robust.

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We are confident that, considering the current economic and social conditions, we continue to fulfil our responsibilities to our tenants, service users, regulators, and funders. We have clearly communicated our service delivery arrangements to our tenants and are assured that we have successfully returned to normal service levels, with the only limitations being external supply constraints.

The Board is satisfied that Dunbritton meets all its duties in relation to tenant and resident safety. They have gained the necessary evidence-based assurance of our compliance in respect of duties relating to gas, electrical, fire, water and lift safety, and our obligations relating to asbestos, dampness, and mould.

The Majority of the Association's stock was build post 1992 and our development consultant has confirmed, due to the type of construction, there is no RAAC evident in any of these properties. In regards stock transfers, from our knowledge of the stock since they have been transferred internally our Asset team can confirm there is no RAAC in these properties.

In reviewing compliance, we have adopted an improvement focus and have looked to identify any areas for improvement which we will progress during the coming year.

The Board is assured that Dunbritton has established appropriate systems for the collection of equalities data in line with regulatory compliance and is 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.

The Board is aware that we are required to notify the SHR of any changes in compliance during the year and is assured that they have effective arrangements in place to enable them to do so.

As Chair, I was authorised by the Board at a meeting held on 16 October 2024 to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator. I can also confirm that on submission this Assurance Statement will be published on our website.

**Sephton MacQuire**

**Chair of the Board**