

The Scottish Housing Regulator  
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### **Dunbritton Housing Association - Assurance Statement 2020**

The Board confirms that we have reviewed and assessed a comprehensive bank of evidence to support this statement that Dunbritton Housing Association is compliant with the Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management and the requirements of Chapter Three of the Regulatory Framework. In gaining assurance, the Board has accessed the Evidence bank which was compiled in line with the toolkit produced by the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations. This Evidence Bank combines reports, policies, and information which the Board monitors and oversees on an ongoing basis throughout the year to provide continuous assurance and to ensure we remain compliant.

In reviewing the evidence and assessing compliance, we have taken account of good practice advice.

In considering our compliance with our legal and regulatory requirements in 2020, we have taken account of the considerable impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and consequent business, economic and social disruption. We have complied fully with all temporary changes to legislation and continue to follow national and local policy requirements.

We are confident that the measures that we have put in place and the contingency planning that we have implemented have ensured that we can meet our responsibilities to our tenants, service users, regulators and funders. Where we have been required to revise our standards of service delivery, we have communicated changes clearly to our tenants and are maintaining the necessary records to ensure a smooth resumption of normal service where possible.

We are aware of a small number of properties, where, due to concerns over Covid-19, it was not possible to carry out a gas safety visit within timescales. We have communicated this to the Scottish Housing Regulator and received assurance that due to the Covid-19 aspect, these are not a notifiable event. In all instances, these visits have since been completed and a valid certificate has been issued.

We continue to monitor our Business Plan, budget and financial assumptions in the context of the ongoing emergency situation and associated business interruption. Our Business Plan reflects the regulatory guidance that was current at the time of its

preparation and we will take account of updated regulatory advice as we monitor and review our Business Plan in the context of the changed situation.

There are no areas of material or significant non-compliance that require to be disclosed in this statement. We continue to identify areas where we feel improvement can be achieved and these are highlighted in our evolving Improvement Action Plan, which we shall progress during the coming year.

We are satisfied that all are intended to deliver effective improvement and that none are material to our current compliance with the Framework.

We are assured that Dunbritton Housing Association has the necessary arrangements in place to identify any risks to compliance in the course of the conduct of our business and governance arrangements.

As Chair, I was authorised by the Board at a meeting held on XX November 2020 to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

I confirm that this Assurance Statement is being published on our website on the same date that it is submitted to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Signed

Sephton MacQuire  
Chair of the Board of Management