

Dundee City Council Annual Assurance Statement 2022/2023

To comply with the Scottish Housing Regulator's Framework for the Regulation of Social Housing in Scotland, Dundee City Council confirms that the Council has met all of its legal obligations associated with housing and homelessness services, equality and human rights, and tenant/resident safety with regard to:

- The 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

However, Dundee City Council did breach the Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) Order (2014) during 2022/23 in relation to the length of stay in bed and breakfast accommodation as a result of the pressure on temporary accommodation on 47 occasions in 2022/23.

This statement requires the Council to notify the Scottish Housing Regulator of any tenant and resident safety matters which have been reported or are being investigated by the Health and Safety Executive, or reports from regulatory or statutory authorities, or insurance providers, relating to safety concerns. There are no reports or investigations ongoing concerning Dundee City Council's Housing Service.

During 2022/23 a formal review of the service to tenants experiencing dampness and condensation was carried out.

The Scottish Housing Regulator identified one area in its Engagement Plan for Dundee 2022/23 where they required further information in relation to Dundee's homelessness service.

Neighbourhood Services Committee agreed Dundee City Council's Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan in 2019 and annual updates have continued to be submitted to Scottish Government and Committee.

The council was unable to undertake 656 electrical tests during 2022/23 due to tenants not giving access, in addition 1 property was not accessed for the smoke detector programme. We continue to work with tenants to carry out this work with legal action undertaken where required.

Dundee City Council is committed to taking a human rights-based approach to its policies and Practices through good participation and empowerment, accountability, non-discrimination and meeting legal requirements. The Council has a robust framework for Equality Impact Assessment of its policies which was recently reviewed. I confirm that the Council has sufficient assurance and scrutiny processes in place to support this statement.

Signed: Mark Flynn
Convener of Neighbourhood Regeneration, Housing & Estate Management

23 October 2023