

Dundee City Council Annual Assurance Statement 2019/2020

To comply with the Scottish Housing Regulator's Framework for the Regulation of Social Housing in Scotland, Dundee City Council confirms that it is meeting 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.

This statement requires the Council to notify the Scottish Housing Regulator of any tenant and resident safety matters which have been reported to, 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.

The Scottish Housing Regulator identified two areas in its Engagement Plan for Dundee 2019/20 where they required further information and assurance. These were in Homelessness and Gas Safety. The Council has made good progress as a pathfinder Housing First Model for Homelessness and Council agreed a Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan in 2019. The Council was already working towards the required level of compliance highlighted in the Engagement Plan for Gas Safety in its properties. Since June 2018 no properties have had an annual gas safety certificate completed out with the anniversary of the previous one and processes are in place to continue with this level of compliance. A comprehensive improvement plan has been delivered and the Service is now fully compliant, with 100% of all Council Housing with a Gas supply having Gas Safety certificates renewed within 12 months of its anniversary date. A dedicated Gas Team has been created to ensure that the Service remains fully compliant and this is now fully operational.

I confirm that the Council has sufficient assurance and scrutiny processes in place to support this statement.

Signed,

on behalf of Dundee City Council, at Committee date

Councillor Anne Rendall
Convenor, Neighbourhood Services Committee
Dundee City Council