

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT 2022**

Based on our self-assessment of compliance and associated evidence, we comply with all but one of the regulatory requirements set out in the Regulatory Framework, i.e.:

- Each landlord must have assurance and evidence that it is meeting all of its legal obligations associated with housing and homelessness services, equality and human rights, and tenant and resident safety.

East Ayrshire understand the importance of tenant and resident health and safety and as such are prioritising outstanding EICR's for all of our properties. At 31 March 2022 810 self-contained properties were not EICR compliant due to access issues and resource limitations as a result of Covid-19. At 12 September 2022 521 (64%) of these EICRs had been conducted with the remaining 289 outstanding properties programmed for completion by December 2022.

In reviewing our compliance with the Regulatory Framework, we are assured that we are working towards having appropriate systems in place for the collection of equality data and that we are using this data to take account of equality and human rights issues in our decisions, policy making and day-to-day service delivery. The Council is progressing work to ensure that data related to all of the protected characteristics is collected and discussions have taken place in relation to adopting a human rights approach in our work across our service. In reviewing and assessing our compliance, we have also continued to identify improvement actions which we intent to progress further during the year, such as tenancy sustainment which is a priority for improvement with actions in place via the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan.

I confirm East Ayrshire Council have seen and considered appropriate evidence in approving this Annual Assurance Statement at a Governance and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 29 September 2022

Signed:

Councillor Neil Watts
Vice Chair of Governance and Scrutiny Committee
29 September 2022