



ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT

The Board confirms that we have reviewed and assessed a comprehensive bank of evidence to support this Statement that East Kilbride Housing Association (EKHA) is compliant with the Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management and the requirements of Chapter Three of the Regulatory Framework.

The evidence bank combines reports, policies, advice and information, which the Board monitors and oversees on an ongoing basis to provide continuous assurance that EKHA is compliant. Additionally, the evidence bank incorporates relevant documents and information that contribute to our assurance and which form the structure of EKHA's business and governance activities.

Furthermore, we obtained external audit that provided us with additional assurance that our approach is effective and robust.

Where we have adopted revised standards of service delivery, we are communicating these changes clearly to our tenants. Within the consultation with our tenants at the rent review for 2023/24 we explained carefully difficult decisions that could have to be made, particularly in relation to external supply constraints. We are confident that having taken account of the current economic position, we continue to meet our responsibilities to our tenants, service users, regulators and funders.

In reviewing our equalities compliance, we feel assured that we have an effective approach to the collection of equalities information, and we take account of equality and human rights issues in our decisions, policy-making and day-to-day service delivery.

In reviewing our tenant health and safety compliance, we feel assured that our health and safety management systems are fit for purpose. We were audited on both employee/office health and safety and tenant/resident health and safety in March 2023. The tenant/resident safety audit covered compliance in the areas of gas safety, electrical safety, water safety, fire safety, asbestos control and damp and mould (we do not have lifts in any of our properties). We have scrutinised reports on both audits and are confident about compliance and that recommendations are being actioned and Board is monitoring these to ensure they are completed.

In reviewing our overall compliance, we have adopted an improvement focus and identified (non-material) improvement actions, which we will progress during the course of the year. To support effective implementation, these actions form a 2023/24 Assurance Action Plan, which will be monitored by the Board to ensure successful achievement.

We recognise that we are required to notify the SHR of any changes in our compliance during the year and are assured that we have effective arrangements in place to enable us to do so.

We approved this Annual Assurance Statement at the meeting of our Board on Wednesday 18th October 2023 and authorised our Chair to sign and submit this statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

We confirm that the Statement is published on our website on the same date that it is submitted to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Signed EKHA Chair

Date
