



## ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT

East Kilbride Housing Association complies with regulatory requirements and the Board confirms that we have reviewed and assessed a comprehensive bank of evidence to support this Statement that is compliant with:

- ✓ All relevant regulatory requirements as set out in Section Three of the Regulatory Framework
- ✓ The Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management
- ✓ The relevant standards and outcomes of the Scottish Social Housing Charter
- ✓ Our statutory obligations in respect of tenant and resident safety, housing and homelessness and equalities and human rights

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

In considering our compliance with our legal and regulatory requirements in 2021, we have taken account of the continued impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and consequent business, economic and social disruption. We continue to comply fully with the temporary changes to legislation and continue to follow national and local policy and requirements e.g. in respect of health and safety, physical distancing, travel, office opening, use of PPE, application of Test and Protect requirements and indoor gatherings. We continue to be confident that the measures that we have put in place have ensured that we are able to continue to meet our responsibilities to our tenants, service users, regulators and funders.

We feel assured that we are compliant in taking account of equality and human rights in our decisions and day-to-day service delivery and are currently fully reviewing our processes and will implement an appropriate approach in line with SFHA guidance, received in August 2021.

In reviewing compliance, we have adopted an improvement focus and identified a number of (non-material) improvement actions which we will progress during the course of the year. To support effective implementation, these actions form an 2021/22 Assurance Action Plan which will be monitored by the Board to ensure successful achievement.

We approved this Annual Assurance Statement at the meeting of our Board on 20 October 2021 and confirm that the Statement is published on our website on the same date that it is submitted to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

As Chair of East Kilbride Housing Association, I sign this statement on behalf of the Board.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_