

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.

We are confident that having taken account of the current economic position and in particular the situation relating to potential Scottish Government intervention in our independent rent setting mechanism from April 2023, we continue to meet our responsibilities to our tenants, service users, regulators and funders.

Where we have adopted revised standards of service delivery, we are communicating these changes clearly to our tenants. We are confident that we have successfully resumed normal service levels following the pandemic, subject only to external supply constraints.

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 equalities monitoring data and to take account of equality and human rights issues in our decisions, policy-making and day-to-day service delivery.

In reviewing our 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 2022/23 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 course of 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 19th October 2022 and authorised our Vice 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 Vice Chair		
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