

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT 2020**

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.:

- Landlords must collect data relating to each of the protected characteristics for their existing tenants, new tenants, people on waiting lists, governing body members and staff. Local authorities must also collect data on protected characteristics for people who apply to them as homeless. Landlords who provide Gypsy / Traveller sites must collect data on protected characteristics for these service users

East Ayrshire Council currently only collects data in relation to disability and ethnic origin of tenants and this was identified as an area of non-compliance in 2019. Initial discussions have taken place in relation to future compliance with this regulatory requirement, with work progressing to ensure this data is collected from April 2021, i.e. when the SHR will begin to measure compliance with this requirement.

We also await the publication of the SHR's guidance on equalities and human rights in social housing to ensure this is embedded across our work and evidence future compliance with regulatory requirements.

Signed:

Councillor Barry Douglas
Chair of Governance and Scrutiny Committee
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