



## **ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT**

As a Management Committee we have now completed our evaluation of our compliance against the Regulatory Framework and the Regulatory standards of Governance and Financial management.

Forgewood Housing Co-operative confirms that we:

- Achieve all of the standards and outcomes in the Scottish Social Housing Charter for tenants, people who are homeless and others who use our services;
- Comply with our legal obligations relating to housing and homelessness, equality and human rights, and tenant and resident safety;
- Comply with the Standards of Governance and Financial Management for RSLs.

The Management Committee are satisfied that we have viewed the required evidence to come to our conclusions.

We are happy to report that the Co-op is fully compliant in terms of Electrical Installation Condition Reports (EICR's), interlinked heat & smoke alarms and Annual Gas Safety Checks.

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 data, whilst also working towards using this data to take account of equality and human rights issues in our decisions, policy-making and day-to-day service delivery.

The Regulatory Framework formed a central part of our strategic staff and committee away day in April 2022 the event was facilitated by an external housing consultancy firm.

To assist with the drafting of our annual assurance statement, external refresher training for our governing body also took place on 6 October 2022. This session was facilitated by an external consultant.

As a community focused organisation we are acutely aware of the pressures that the current financial crisis places on our tenants. We have always aimed to keep our rents affordable as possible. The introduction of the Scottish Governments emergency legislation to bring a cap on increases in rents at 0% for RSLs will have a significant impact on us. However this is a key priority within our business and we will reflect this in our business plan as soon as we receive clarification from the Scottish Government on the rent freeze proposal and inflation rates.

As Chair, I was authorised by the management committee at a meeting on 26 October 2022 to sign and submit this annual assurance statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator

Alan Thomson, Chairperson  
Forgewood Housing Co-operative