

ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT

Forth Housing Association is required by the Scottish Housing Regulator's revised Regulatory Framework to prepare and submit its second Annual Assurance Statement by 30th November 2020. This document represents the statement that was considered and approved by the Management Committee at its meeting on the 30th November 2020. This statement will also be made available on the Association's website to our tenants and other stakeholders.

Statement of Forth Housing Association Management Committee:

We can advise that we can comply with:

- All relevant regulatory requirements set out in chapter 3 of the Regulatory Framework;
- All relevant standards and outcomes of the Scottish Social Housing Charter;
- All relevant legislative duties; and,
- The Standards of Governance and Financial Management.

The Management Committee confirm that we have considered and assessed appropriate evidence to support our assurance of compliance with the above. This includes:

- Independent self-assessment against the Standards of Governance and Financial Management;
- Our annual programme of internal audit and other external and specialist advice;
- External audit;
- Three yearly large scale tenant satisfaction survey;
- Annual Return on the Charter 2019/20;
- Reports about performance in key areas including service delivery, finance, asset management, development, risk and tenant health and safety reports.

As part of the Association's commitment to continuous improvement an Annual Assurance Statement Improvement Plan has been developed alongside a Covid-19 Flags Action Plan. Progress against these plans will be monitored by the Management Committee. We consider that none of the actions identified in either plan is material to our current compliance with the Framework.

In considering our compliance with our legal and regulatory requirements in 2020, we have taken account of the considerable impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and consequent business, economic and social disruption. We have complied fully with the temporary changes to legislation and continue to follow national and local policy and requirements.

We are confident that the measures that we have put in place and the contingency planning that we implemented ensured that we were able to meet our responsibilities to our tenants, service users, regulators and funders.

We continue to monitor our business plan, budget, and financial assumptions in the context of the ongoing emergency situation and associated business interruptions.

Signed by: _____ Gordon Mason, Chairperson,
Forth Housing Association