



## **Our Annual Assurance Statement (AAS)**

On behalf of the management committee of Garrion Peoples Housing Co-op, I write to confirm that to the best of our knowledge and from the evidence we have seen, we have appropriate assurance that the Co-op complies with:

- All relevant regulatory requirements set out in Chapter 3 of the Regulatory Framework.
- All relevant standards and outcomes in the Scottish Social Housing Charter.
- All relevant legislative duties.
- The Standards of Governance and Financial Management for RSLs.
- Any specific assurance requirements the Scottish Housing Regulator have asked landlords to cover in their AAS.

The committee also confirm that we have examined reports and other evidence, including internal audit and continuous reporting, and considered this sufficient to give us the assurance required. In addition, we are assured through a number of independent reports and actions that the Committee retain continued compliance with our tenant and resident safety requirements. We have been provided with assurance for all relevant safety requirements now on a monthly basis, throughout the year on:

- Gas safety
- Electrical safety
- Water safety
- Fire safety
- Asbestos
- Damp and Mould
- Lift Safety (We do not have any lifts in our housing stock or office premises)

We are satisfied with 100% compliance in gas and electrical safety. We have no lapsed certificates in either.

We are assured that we have established appropriate systems for the collection of equalities data and are assured that we are 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.

We have also considered carefully the SFHA self-assurance toolkit when preparing this Annual Assurance Statement.

The evidence combines reports, policies, advice and information which the Management Committee monitors and oversees on an ongoing basis throughout the year to provide continuous assurance that GPHC is compliant.

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.

In reviewing our evidence and assessing compliance, we have identified a few areas where we intend to further improve and develop. We do not consider the gaps to be material or significant and they will be taken forward.

The committee approved this Annual Assurance Statement at a meeting held on 22 October 2024 and as Chairperson, I was authorised by the committee to sign and submit the Annual Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

**Chair's name:**

VICTORIA DALLAS

**Signature:**

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**Date:** 22/10/2024