Glasgow City Council Annual Assurance Statement 2026

Glasgow City Council welcomes the opportunity to report to the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) on compliance with the Regulatory Framework. This requires local authorities and Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) to submit an Annual Assurance Statement (AAS).

Following the declaration of the housing emergency in November 2023, Glasgow City Council's Homelessness Service continues to face significant pressures. However, Glasgow witnessed a 5% reduction in homelessness demand during 2025/26, against a national picture in which demand remained relatively stable.

Despite the reduction in overall demand, Glasgow saw an increase in the number of households living in temporary accommodation during 2025/26. Glasgow City Council also remains unable to provide temporary accommodation to all households at the point of request, in line with its duties under Section 29 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987. The Council continues to work to increase temporary accommodation capacity and improve access to settled housing for homeless households. Glasgow City Council also continues to breach the Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) Order 2014, as amended, as a consequence of the ongoing use of bed and breakfast and hotel accommodation.

Glasgow City Integration Joint Board (IJB) has approved the ten-year Temporary Accommodation Strategy, which sets out the partnership's ambitious plan to end the routine use of bed and breakfast accommodation, increase the number of settled lets for homeless households and reduce the length of time households spend in temporary accommodation. Work has commenced to implement the Strategy and its programme of reform.

In relation to the Council's duties under section 31 of the 1987 Act, the Council continues to work closely with the city's RSLs to increase the number of lets being provided to homeless households. In 2025/26, Glasgow City Council secured 3,639 lets for homeless households, its highest annual total, which represented around 55% of social housing lets across the city.

On an ongoing basis, the Glasgow City Integration Joint Board and appropriate Council committee structures will consider the performance of Glasgow's Homelessness Service in relation to its statutory duties to ensure relevant oversight and governance.