

Hawthorn Housing Co-operative: Annual Assurance Statement 2024

Our evidence bank 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 Hawthorn Housing Co-operative is compliant.

The evidence which supports this Statement includes:

- Reports about performance in key areas
- Internal and External Audit reports
- Advice from external and specialist advisers
- The outcomes from specific consultation
- Benchmarking
- Reports, advice and information from senior staff

We have obtained external support to provide us with additional assurance that our approach is effective and robust.

We are satisfied that we meet all our duties in relation to tenant and resident safety. In particular, we have gained the necessary evidence-based assurance of our compliance in respect of duties relating to gas, electrical, fire, water and lift safety and our obligations relating to asbestos, damp and mould. [We have sought specialist advice to monitor our compliance in these areas and to support our assurance]

We have completed our assessment into the potential presence of RAAC in our stock and confirm that none has been identified.

In assessing the evidence, we have adopted an improvement focus which will result in the creation of an Action Plan which we expect to approve next month. We are satisfied that these will deliver effective improvement and that none are material to our current compliance with the framework.

The Management Committee confirms that we have reviewed and assessed a comprehensive bank of evidence to support this Statement that the Co-op is compliant with: -

- All relevant regulatory requirements as set out in Section Three of the Regulatory Framework
- The Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management
- The relevant standards and outcomes of the Scottish Social Housing Charter
- Our statutory obligations in respect of tenant and resident safety, housing and homelessness and equalities and human rights.

We recognise that we are required to notify the SHR of any changes in our compliance during the year and are assured that we have effective arrangements in place to enable us to do so.

As Chair, I was authorised by the Management Committee at a meeting held on 21st of October 2024 to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator. We confirm that this Assurance Statement is being published on our website on the same date that it is submitted to the SHR

In reviewing our compliance with the Regulatory Framework, we are assured that we have established appropriate systems for the collection of equalities data. We 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.

Cathie Ritchie

Colin Turnbull

CHAIR

DIRECTOR