Hillcrest Homes

The Governing Body confirms we have reviewed and assessed a comprehensive bank of evidence to support that Hillcrest 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.

Having seen all relevant evidence to give us assurance, we confirm that there are no significant areas of material non-compliance with the Regulatory Framework.

The evidence which supports this statement combines reports about performance in key areas, policies, advice and information which the Board monitors and oversees on an ongoing basis throughout the year to provide continuous assurance that Hillcrest is compliant.

The Governing Body is satisfied that we meet all of 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, RAAC, water and lift safety and our obligations relating to asbestos, damp and mould.

Hillcrest continues to respond to the requirements of the Housing (Cladding Remediation) Act 2024. Single Building Assessments (SBAs) have been completed or are underway across all relevant buildings within our portfolio. Assessments completed to date have identified the need for external wall remediation at two high-rise residential buildings. Interim fire safety measures have been implemented, including enhanced alarm systems, revised evacuation arrangements and other risk mitigation measures, ensuring resident safety while longer-term solutions are progressed.

A programme of SBAs is continuing across the remaining relevant buildings within the portfolio.

The Board receives regular updates on building safety, remediation planning, associated risks and financial implications. While the extent of future liabilities and external funding arrangements remain uncertain, the Board is satisfied that appropriate governance, risk management and mitigation measures are in place to support compliance with statutory requirements and safeguard tenants.

A small number of properties remain outstanding for EICR inspection due to access constraints. As at 30 September 2026, this affected seven properties, representing 0.08% of total stock. Action

continues to be taken to secure access, with the remaining inspections expected to be completed by the end of December 2026. We have concluded that this does not amount to material non-compliance. Progress and associated risks have been reported to the Governing Body on an ongoing basis

In addition, 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 service delivery.

The Annual Assurance Statement was approved at the Governing Body meeting held on 20th October 2026.

…….. Dave Boyle
On behalf of the Governing Body of Hillcrest Homes

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