

Annual Assurance Statement 2024

The Board of Homes for Life Housing Partnership has gained the necessary assurances throughout the year to make the following declarations with regards to our Annual Assurance Statement.

We have over the period since our previous Statement reviewed our compliance with all statutory guidance and have compiled an evidence register which supports our statement. Internal Audit of our Assurance Statement evidence and regulatory compliance was completed in July 2024, which provided substantial assurance to the Board. Health and Safety and Empty Homes Internal Audits, have also been conducted in the year, providing substantial assurance and external audit of our Financial Statements.

The Board confirms that it has reviewed the effectiveness of the company's system of internal financial control as it operated during the year ended 31 March 2024. No weaknesses were found in internal financial controls which resulted in material losses, contingencies or uncertainties that require disclosure in the financial statements or in the auditor's report on the financial statements.

Since our previous statement systems have been put in place for the collection and monitoring of equalities information. We are assured that we are collecting this data and using it to take account of equality and human rights issues in our decisions, policy making and service delivery.

Compliance with relevant obligations in relation to tenant and resident safety has been an area of focus. The Board is satisfied that all duties in relation to tenant and resident safety, and in particular compliance with all relevant safety requirements and that the partnership- is fully compliant.

In assessing the evidence, the Board has been actively involved in the development and assessment of the evidence register on an ongoing basis. The revised SFHA Assurance Statement Self-Assessment Toolkit published in April 2024 has been adopted and implemented by Homes for Life.

The Board of Homes for Life is satisfied that, to the best of our knowledge, we are compliant with the requirements of all relevant regulatory requirements as set out in Section Three of the Regulatory Framework, the Regulatory Standards of Governance & Financial Management and the relevant standards and outcomes of the Scottish Social Housing Charter.

As Chair, I can confirm that I was authorised by the Board at a meeting held on 25 September 2024 to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR). I can also confirm that the Assurance Statement will be published on our website on the same day that it is submitted to the SHR.

Signed:

Chair
3 October 2024