



Annual Assurance Statement 2025

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. Cyber Security and Planned Maintenance Internal Audits were also conducted in August 2024 and March 2025, providing substantial and high level assurance, with an overall outcome for 2024-2025 of substantial assurance.

External audit of our Financial Statements was carried by AAB in July 2025, providing an unqualified audit of HfL's Financial Statements and Accounts, noting that during the accounting period HfL's internal financial controls continued to operate effectively.

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 2025. 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.

Systems are 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 remained 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.

Homes for Life Housing Partnership

57 Market Street, Haddington, East Lothian, EH41 3JG
Scottish Charity No. 028542 | Company Registration No. 188299
Property Factor Registration No. PF0000219 | Social Landlord No. 311

Telephone: 01620 829300 | Email: info@homesforlife.co.uk | Web: www.homesforlife.co.uk

As Chair, I can confirm that I was authorised by the Board at a meeting held on 24 September 2025 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
24 September 2025