

Assurance Statement for Linstone Housing Association

Statement from the Board

1. Linstone Housing Association complies with:
 - a. The Scottish Housing Regulator's regulatory requirements as set out in Chapter 3 of the Regulatory Framework
 - b. Relevant standards and outcomes in the Scottish Social Housing Charter; and
 - c. Relevant legislative duties,
 - d. The Standards of Governance and Financial Management.

2. Following self-assessment of the requirements of Regulatory Standards we are satisfied that there are no areas of material non-compliance.

3. This statement has been informed by the Board's consideration of a comprehensive compliance assessment and supporting evidence.

4. Key sources of information considered in preparing this statement, in the period to 31 October 2023, include:
 - a. External audit
 - b. Internal audit programme
 - c. External Health & Safety audits
 - d. Processes from the comprehensive full Governance Review by an independent expert in the sector carried out during 2022
 - e. 30 year financial forecast compiled by an external consultant
 - f. Linstone's policies and governance documents.

5. Our work on the Annual Assurance Statement 2021/22 identified development activities and we have carried these out during 2022/23 to ensure LHA is compliant and working towards best practice:
 - a. Tenant Health and Safety
 - i. Action Plan to address compliance with Legionella and Asbestos risks completed in March 2023 and reported to the SHR
 - ii. Action Plan to address compliance with Electrical Safety risks completed in April 2023 and reported to the SHR.

6. In reviewing our compliance with the Regulatory Framework, we are satisfied that we are working towards having appropriate systems in place for the collection of Equalities data. We are assured that we are working towards using this data to take account of equalities and human rights issues in our policy-making and day to day service delivery.
7. The Board have put in place a system of continual monitoring of the areas included in the AAS to ensure ongoing assurance and compliance.
8. We recognise that we are required to notify the SHR of any change in our compliance during the year and the Board is satisfied that Linstone has appropriate arrangements in place to enable us to do so.
9. I confirm that this Statement is being posted on Linstone's website on the same date that it is being submitted to the SHR.
10. The Board considered and approved this statement, together with relevant evidence at its meeting on 17 October 2023.

..... Jamie Irvine – Chairperson

Tuesday 17 October 2023