



Assurance Statement October 2024

We have reviewed and assessed our compliance with the Regulatory Framework and the Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management.

The assessment process has been built on from the comprehensive Framework Review undertaken by Linstone in 2022 and is founded on the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA) model and Scotland's Housing Network (SHN) self-assessment toolkit to provide a structured approach to Linstone's governance assurance.

We confirm that we have reviewed evidence in support of our assessment of compliance. A detailed evidence bank has been built upon our Board Portal based on a range of reports, policies and information to support this statement and includes:

- Reports on key performance
- Internal and External audit reports
- Governance Improvement Plan
- Tenant Health & Safety Reports and Action Plans
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan
- Customer Engagement Action Plan
- Reports from external and specialist advisors

Our assessment of compliance included a workshop held for Board members to review the evidence base and compliance with the Regulatory Framework. We appointed our internal auditor to undertake an assessment of our compliance to support our assurance.

We have evidence-based assurance of our ongoing compliance in respect of our duties regarding tenant and resident safety, in particular gas, fire, electrical, lift, water, asbestos and damp and mould.

The Board confirms that having reviewed and assessed the evidence in support of this Statement, that we are compliant with the Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management and the requirements of Chapter 3 of the Regulatory Framework.

We continue to address our stock condition through our stock surveys and we have identified the presence of RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete) in some of our homes. We have an Action Plan in place which is being informed by the structural engineer's recommendations, and its progress is monitored.

We acknowledge that we are required to notify the Scottish Housing Regulator of any changes to 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 Board at its meeting on 15 October 2024 to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

I confirm that this Assurance Statement is being published on our website on the same date as it is submitted to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Nan McBride
Chair – Linstone Housing Association