



## **Assurance Statement October 2025**

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

We have reviewed and revised our monitoring and reporting processes, particularly with, but not solely, resident health & safety and notifiable event reporting, to ensure that Linstone's Board has clear oversight of risks, actions being undertaken to mitigate identified risks, and progress monitoring to ensure actions are completed within the reported timescales.

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 this is regularly updated throughout the year. It includes but is not limited to:

- Reports on key performance including finance, service delivery, asset management and risk
- Internal and External Audit reports
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
- Customer Engagement Action
- Reports from external and specialist advisors
- Reports, advice and information from senior staff

We undertook a review of our Scottish Social Housing Charter compliance, data collection and financial information following our change to a new IT system, which took place in the middle of the financial year. Scotland's Housing Network and our external auditors undertook these audits, and we have received reports assuring the Board that we are compliant in these areas.

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

We have reviewed our monitoring and reporting processes, particularly in respect of fire safety, to ensure that any requirements are addressed as a matter of urgency.

We have assurance that the review of our monitoring and reporting processes has been implemented.

We have identified the presence of RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete) in a small number of our homes. We have taken specialist advice and have a risk management plan in place to inspect the condition of the RAAC regularly, and this is monitored and reported on, while we continue to develop remedial options. These Linstone homes are in mixed tenure blocks of flats, and the private owners are aware of the presence of RAAC and we communicate with them on a regular basis.

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 acknowledge that we are required to notify the Scottish Housing Regulator of any changes to our compliance during the year and as noted above we have undertaken a review and implemented the outcomes to be 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 14 October 2025 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.

**Name of signatory: Nan McBride**

**Signature:**

**Position: Chair of Linstone Housing Association**

**Date: 14 October 2025**