Annual Assurance Statement 2026

We, the Management Committee, confirm that, after self-assessment and consideration of information provided by staff, we have sufficient evidence to conclude that we comply with our legislative and regulatory requirements and are satisfied that there are no areas of material non-compliance.

The comprehensive bank of evidence collated by staff to underpin our Annual Assurance Statement is detailed in a written 'Assurance Statement-Continuous Review and Improvement Plan' (ASCRIP). The ASCRIP evidence bank combines reports, policies, documents, advice, audits, and information that the Committee monitors and oversees throughout the year to provide continuous assurance that LHA is compliant.

The Committee confirms that we have reviewed and assessed this evidence periodically and that LHA is compliant with:

- All relevant regulatory requirements as set out in Section Three of the Regulatory Framework
- The Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management
- The relevant standards and outcomes of the Scottish Social Housing Charter
- Our statutory obligations in response to tenant and resident safety, housing and homelessness, and equalities and human rights.

We are satisfied that we continue to meet all of our tenant and resident safety duties. In particular, we have obtained evidence-based assurance that we comply with our responsibilities for gas, electrical, fire, water, and lift safety, as well as our obligations around asbestos, damp, and mould. As part of our wider approach to managing building safety, we have also assessed the potential presence of RAAC within our stock and can confirm that we have not identified any. LHA remains committed to continually improving our performance against the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) and our energy efficiency targets. This work is supported by a significant programme of planned investment, which will ensure that our homes remain safe, sustainable, and fit for the future.

As a Committee, we are assured that we have established appropriate systems for collecting equalities data. We are assured that we are working towards using this data to take account of equality and human rights issues in our decisions, policy-making, and day-to-day service delivery.

We recognise that we must notify the SHR of any changes in our compliance during the year, and we are assured that we have effective arrangements in place to do so.

The Management Committee is satisfied that, to the best of our knowledge, LHA is compliant with the requirements of Chapter Three of the Regulatory Framework and the Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management. We gained this assurance by reviewing the comprehensive bank of evidence (ASCRIP) and through our ongoing oversight and scrutiny of LHA's affairs throughout the year (2025/26).

We approved our Annual Assurance Statement at the Committee Meeting held on the 29th September 2026. I sign this statement on behalf of the Committee.

Signed (LHA Chairperson): _____ Date:_____