



Assurance Statement

October 2021

We comply with the regulatory requirements set out in Chapter 3 of the Regulatory Framework. This includes:

- All relevant standards and outcomes in the Scottish Social Housing Charter;
- All relevant legislative duties; and
- The Standards of Governance and Financial Management.

Supporting Evidence

We, as a Board, meet regularly to consider relevant issues. Our Audit Committee scrutinises a range of financial matters and makes appropriate recommendations to us.

We confirm that we have reviewed evidence that supports our assessment of compliance. This is based on a range of reports, policies, advice and information that we monitor on an ongoing basis. This includes:

- Regular reports about key performance information
- Internal Audit reports;
- External audit report;
- Outcomes of tenant consultation exercises;
- Benchmarking; and
- Reports, advice and information from senior staff.

Other Information

Since publication of our 2020 Assurance Statement, we have:

- Carried out a detailed review of Regulatory Standards 1 and 6;
- Considered progress on the actions identified for all standards from the 2020 assessment; and
- Sought external support via Internal Audit of compliance.

Areas for Improvement

In reviewing compliance, we have identified some areas for improvement that are not significant. An action plan outlining proposals to address these was considered by the Board in August 2021, with progress being monitored quarterly thereafter.

Equalities and Human Rights

In reviewing compliance, we are assured that we are working towards having appropriate systems in place for the collection of equalities data and how we will use this to respond to specific requirements in respect of service delivery. Further work in this area will take account of the guidance recently published by the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations..

We await guidance on human rights issues in relation to housing. The way we deliver services is consistent with a human rights approach, but we will review this area when the guidance is available and make any necessary changes.

Impact of CoVid

We have taken action as necessary to ensure that the business of the Association continued during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Publication

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

We acknowledge that we are required to notify the Scottish Housing Regulator of any changes in 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 a meeting held on <date> to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

NAME OF SIGNATORY Rachel Hutton

SIGNATURE

POSITION Chair

DATE