



## Assurance Statement 2023

This Statement confirms that the Management Committee of Molendinar Park Housing Association has gained the necessary assurance that we require to confirm that the Association complies with the Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management and of the Regulatory Framework (2019).

The Committee of Molendinar Park Housing Association are assured that, having made all reasonable enquiries and based on sufficient and reliable information provided by the management team, external agencies and independent consultants that we currently comply with the regulatory requirements set out in Chapter 3 of the Scottish Housing Regulator's Framework.

This includes that we:

- achieve all of the standards and outcomes in the Scottish Social Housing Charter for tenants, people who are homeless and others who use our services,
- comply with our legal obligations relating to housing and homelessness, equality and human rights, and tenant and resident safety,
- comply with the Standards of Governance and Financial Management for RSLs.

Our assurance position is supported by an evidence bank which has been presented to Management Committee throughout the year for monitoring progress and continued assurance. The evidence bank has been reviewed by Management Committee and the assurance improvement plan was agreed by the Management Committee on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 before submitting this statement. The Association continues to have improvement focus and acknowledge that we have some areas where improvements need to be made, however we do not consider these to be material in the context of continuous improvement and have the required strategy and plans in place.

The evidence which supports this Statement includes:

- Reports about performance in key areas including finance, service delivery, asset management, tenant and resident safety, and risk
- Internal and External Audit reports
- Advice from external and specialist advisers
- Tenant Satisfaction reports and the outcomes from specific consultation e.g. rent consultation.
- Data analysis about our tenants and customers
- Benchmarking
- Reports, advice and information from senior staff

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In reviewing our compliance with the Regulatory Framework, Committee members are assured that the Association continues to work on the collection of equalities information and that data will enhance our decisions, policy-making and day-to-day service delivery. We are anticipating the enactment of the Human Rights Bill (Scotland) and through our continuous improvement plan we are working to ensure a human rights approach is developed in every facet of our business.

We have conducted a Business Plan review in 2023 which takes account of current economic and social environments and ensures that we continue to meet the responsibilities and expectations to our tenants, service users, regulators and funders. This process has helped us review and manage our risks effectively. We are aware of our obligation to inform the SHR of any compliance changes during the year, and we have arrangements in place to ensure we can do so efficiently.

We are satisfied that we meet all of our duties in relation to tenant and resident safety. In particular, we have gained the necessary evidence-based assurance of our compliance in respect of duties relating to gas, electrical, fire, water and our obligations relating to asbestos, damp and mould. There were no material issues of concern and non-material recommendations have been implemented or are in process. Tenant and resident safety continues to remain our priority.

The Association will continue with its programme of independent stock condition surveys, validated by RICS qualified surveyors, which will maintain a consistent quality of systems driven property information to inform our 5 year investment plan and 30 year Life Cycle Programme to ensure our homes are kept and maintained to a high quality.

Having seen all the relevant evidence to give us assurance, we confirm that there are no significant areas of material non-compliance with the Regulatory Framework.

As Chair, I have been authorised by the Association's Board of Management at a meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023, to sign and submit this Annual Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Signed

Frank Sheeran

Chairperson

17 October 2023

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