

## **Assurance Statement 2025**

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 the Regulatory Framework (2024).

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 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 is available to Management Committee throughout the year for monitoring progress and continued assurance. Management Committee reviewed this evidence bank and approved the assurance improvement plan on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025, prior to the submission of this statement. The Association remains committed to continuous improvement and recognises that there are areas where improvements are possible. However, we do not believe these are material issues. We maintain an improvement focus and commitment to ongoing development, and we have appropriate strategies and plans in place to address them.

The evidence which supports this Statement includes:

- An Internal Audit on Assurance Statement was carried out in June 2025 and achieved a
  'compliant' status. The audit noted that the guidance area has been correctly interpreted and
  the Association's documentation, responses, and undertakings provide a robust audit trail and
  substantial evidence supporting the key guidance area.
- 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 in year two of our Corporate Plan (2024-27) which takes account of current economic, social and environmental considerations and the Committee continues to monitor our strategic alignment with the expectations of our tenants, service users, regulators and funders.

The Association's Senior Officer continues to be on secondment this year. The Committee show leadership and ensure strategic alignment by regularly monitoring staffing resources, risk, and performance. the Committee is assured that there has been no adverse impact on the Association's strategic, operational, or legal compliance during this period of the Director's secondment.

The Committee 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.

As the Committee of the Association, we prioritise the safety of our tenants and other residents in their homes. 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. The Committee continue to receive detailed quarterly reports regarding tenant safety arrangements and controls. Additionally, the Association has become a member of the Social Housing Safety Network and plans to continue to refine our tenant safety measures, internal controls, and processes in line with industry good practice.

Having seen all the relevant evidence to give us assurance, we confirm that there are no areas of material non-compliance with the regulatory standards. We recognise that we are required to notify the SHR of any changes in our compliance during the course of the year and are assured that we have effective arrangements in place to enable us to do so.

As Chair, I have been authorised by the Association's Management Committee at a meeting held 21st October 2025, to sign and submit this Annual Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Signed,

Frank Sheeran, Chairperson

21 October 2025