



Annual Assurance Statement 2024

Over the course of 2023/2024 the Association's Board of Management has sought appropriate assurance that the organisation remains compliant with the Scottish Housing Regulator's Regulatory Framework. This has been done through a variety of methods including internal and external audit, appropriate external advice and support. The Board of Management meets regularly, discussing all areas of compliance and assurance which is evidenced through reports, minutes, events and training.

The Board are satisfied that we have reviewed and assessed a comprehensive bank of evidence. The evidence bank combines reports, policies, advice and information which the Board monitors and oversees on an ongoing basis throughout the year to provide continuous assurance that Muirhouse Housing Association 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 respect of tenant and resident safety, housing and homelessness and equalities and human rights

Additionally, the evidence bank incorporates relevant documents and information that contribute to our assurance and which form the structure of Muirhouse Housing Association's business and governance activities.

Within this Assurance Statement the Board makes particular reference to meeting the relevant obligations placed upon RSLs to ensure tenant safety and we are satisfied that we meet all of our duties and obligations 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 lift safety and our obligations relating to asbestos, damp and mould. We have sought specialist advice to monitor our compliance in these areas and to support our assurance with an external consultant completing this exercise in August 2024.

In reviewing our compliance with the Regulatory Framework, we are assured that we have established appropriate systems for the collection of 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.

The Board confirms that it has reviewed and assessed the appropriate evidence and requirements contained with the Regulatory Framework and is assured that we are compliant, with no material weaknesses identified.

The Association confirms that this Assurance Statement will be published on its website on the same date that it is being submitted to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

The Association recognises 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

This Annual Assurance Statement was considered and approved by the Board on 28th October 2024 and signed by the Chair on behalf of the Board.

Signed by:

Lindsay Johnstone, Chairperson

For and on behalf of the Board of Management of Muirhouse Housing Association

Date: 28th October 2024