



Annual Assurance Statement 2024

Basis of Assurance

The Board of Management confirms that we have reviewed and assessed a comprehensive bank of evidence to support this Statement that Ochil View Housing Association Ltd is, to the best of our knowledge, compliant with:

- ✓ all relevant regulatory requirements as set out in Chapter 3 of the Regulatory Framework;
- ✓ all relevant standards and outcomes of the Scottish Social Housing Charter;
- ✓ all relevant legislative duties
- ✓ the Standards of Governance and Financial Management
- ✓ all duties in relation to tenant and resident safety

This statement has been derived from a review of the comprehensive bank of evidence and from our ongoing quarterly reporting and evaluation of the Association's performance throughout 2023/2024.

Tenant and Resident Health and Safety

The Board has obtained appropriate assurance about compliance with all relevant health and safety obligations in relation to gas, electrical safety, water safety, fire safety, asbestos, damp and mould and lift safety.

Compliance is assured through regular internal audit conducted by our Internal Auditors and our Health and Safety advisors (and implementation of recommendations), annual review and updating of our Landlord Safety Manual and regular reporting to the Board and Health and Safety and Human Resources Committee about compliance in these areas.

Gaining Assurance

The process commenced and ended with full approval of the Board of Management, and during the period since the 2023 submission, progress with the Action Plan and further updating of the Annual Assurance Statement evidence bank for consideration by the Board continues to be part of the Association's Quarterly Management Reporting process. All Board of Management members have access to the full bank of evidence (actual documents) via the Association's secure electronic board papers portal.

The Board of Management considered the most recent update to the bank of evidence at its meeting on 26th September 2024 and finally signed off on this 2024 Annual Assurance Statement on this date.

Ongoing Monitoring

We are assured that we have the necessary arrangements in place to identify any risks to compliance in the course of the conduct of our business and governance arrangements.

We recognise that we are required to notify the Scottish Housing Regulator of any changes in our compliance during the year.

Authority to Sign and Submit

As Chairperson I was authorised by the Board of Management at a meeting held on 26th September 2024 to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

I confirm that this Assurance Statement will be published on our website on 27th September 2024.

SignedDate: 27th September 2024

James Savage (Chairperson)