



The Board confirms that the evidence bank combines reports, policies, advice and information which our Board monitors and oversees on an ongoing basis throughout the year to provide continuous assurance to support the Annual Assurance Statement. Additionally, the evidence bank incorporates relevant documents and information that contributes to our assurance. As far as we are aware, we 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 RSL's.

A recent internal audit was carried out on the evidence bank for the Annual Assurance and the report was very encouraging, showing only a few minor improvements while emphasizing that our approach is effective and robust.

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 our duties to gas, electrical, fire, water and lift safety and our obligations relation to asbestos, damp and mould. Our recent Tenant Safety internal audit showed effective and robust processes are in place.

In accessing the evidence, we have adopted an improvement focus which has resulted in the creation of an Action Plan which will be monitored by the Board at quarterly intervals to ensure successful achievement.

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

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.

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The Board of Ore Valley Housing Association (OVHA) is satisfied that, to the best of our knowledge, OVHA is compliant with the requirements of Chapter Three of the Regulatory Framework and the Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management. We have gained this assurance from a review of a comprehensive bank of evidence and from our ongoing oversight and scrutiny of OVHA's affairs throughout the year of 2022/23.

The Annual Assurance Statement was approved at the Board Meeting held on 17th October 2023. As Chair, I was authorised by the Board to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator. This Assurance Statement is being published on our website on the same date that it is submitted to the SHR.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Ore Valley Housing Association Ltd.

John Flynn  
Chair  
Ore Valley Housing Association Ltd

30th October 2023