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02 October 2024

Scottish Housing Regulator
5th Floor, 220 High Street
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Annual Assurance Statement

We are satisfied that, to the best of our knowledge, the Association is compliant with the relevant regulatory requirements as set out in Section 3 of the Scottish Housing Regulator's Regulatory Framework. We have no material non-compliance with any requirement and, having reviewed and assessed a comprehensive bank of evidence and from our ongoing oversight and scrutiny of the Association's affairs throughout the year to support this Statement, consequently confirm that we are compliant with:

- All relevant standards and outcomes of the Scottish Social Housing Charter.
- Our statutory obligations relating to tenant and resident safety, housing and homelessness and equalities and human rights.
- The Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management.

The evidence bank combines reports, policies, advice and information which Management Committee monitors and oversees on an ongoing basis throughout the year to provide continuous assurance that we are compliant. Additionally, the evidence bank incorporates relevant documents and information that contribute to our assurance, and which form the structure of our business and governance activities. We have obtained external support to provide us with additional assurance that our approach is effective and robust.

We recognise that we are required to notify the SHR of any changes in our compliance during the year and are assured that effective arrangements are in place to enable us to do so.

We are satisfied that we meet all 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 electrical, fire, and water safety and our obligations relating to asbestos, damp and mould. *[Note: there is no mains gas in Orkney, gas appliances are not permitted in our rented properties and there are no lifts in our stock]*

We are assured that we continue to work towards having appropriate systems in place for the collection of equalities data and to take account of equality and human rights issues in our decisions, policy making and day-to-day service delivery.

As Chair, I was authorised by members at a meeting held on 02 October 2024, to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator, which will be published on our website on the same date that it is submitted to the SHR.

Signature: _____ Brian Kynoch, Chair

Date: 02 October 2024