

Paragon Housing Association Limited

Annual Assurance Statement – 23rd October 2024

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The Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) requires that all registered social landlords produce an Annual Assurance Statement in relation to compliance with Chapter 3 of the Regulatory Framework including Standards of Governance & Financial Management. This is the fifth Annual Statement produced by Paragon Housing Association.

Gaining Assurance

The Management Committee has carried out a review of compliance with the Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management and the requirements of Chapter Three of the Regulatory Framework.

The evidence bank considered by the Management Committee combines reports, policies, advice and information which the Management Committee monitors and oversees on an ongoing basis throughout the year to provide continuous assurance that Paragon Housing Association is compliant. Additionally, the evidence bank incorporates relevant documents and information that contribute to our assurance and which form the structure of the Association's business and governance activities.

We are satisfied that we meet all of our duties in relation to tenant and resident safety. 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.

The Association subscribes to the EVH Landlord Safety Manual. This provides a comprehensive management system for stock health and safety obligations. Compliance is subject to audit and at the most recent audit in 2023 the Auditor concluded "Overall, the audit was very good and there is clearly a high level of health and safety compliance." In addition other assurance tools such as Internal Audit and gas quality checks were also used to gain assurance throughout the year.

We have completed our assessment into the potential presence of RAAC in our stock and confirm that none has been identified.

Overall we are assured that Paragon Housing Association is materially compliant with the Regulatory Standards and Regulatory Framework requirements

The Management Committee is not complacent about matters of performance and compliance. In reviewing compliance, we have adopted an improvement focus and have also identified a number of improvement actions which we will progress during the course of the year.

We are satisfied that these actions are intended to deliver effective improvement. 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.

Section 2: Authority

As Chair, I was authorised by the Management Committee at a meeting held on 23rd October 2024 to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Name	Audrey Anderson
Designation	Chair
Signature	
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