

29 September 2022

Pineview Housing Association Annual Assurance Statement - 2022

The Management Committee are satisfied that we have seen and considered sufficient appropriate and reliable evidence to confirm our level of assurance, and that our level of assurance is proportionate for our business and our context.

We advise that, to the best of our knowledge and understanding, Pineview Housing Association Ltd complies with the relevant RSL regulatory requirements set out in the Regulatory Framework.

Whilst declaring our compliance, we would like, in the interests of transparency and self-governance, to draw attention to two particular areas for information. We have reviewed both of these matters and have assured ourselves that they are non-material, however we would still wish to declare for information purposes as detailed below:

Equalities and Human Rights Requirements – We are assured that we are working across our organisation, with our Data Protection Officer, to develop systems to enable Pineview Housing Association to collect relevant data and to then use this data to take account of equality and human rights issues in our decision making, policy making and day to day service delivery. We have developed an equality strategy action plan with monitored milestones to measure progress to ensure we continue our compliance in this essential area of work.

Electrical installation condition reports (EICRs) – it is now an additional requirement of the Tolerable Standard that every property has an EICR within a period of 5 years from its previous EICR. Pineview have undertaken EICRs on a 5 yearly cycle for a number of years and continue to do so. However, due to non access some properties do not have a certificate within 5 years of the previous certificate. The tenants of these properties are being actively pursued. This position is reported to Committee and has been declared in the ARC return to SHR.

We would also like to highlight that whilst we are compliant with regulatory standards, we have concerns regarding the potential implications of the recent Scottish Government proposals for rent freezes and eviction restrictions and the uncertainty around these. Our concerns particularly relate to Regulatory Standards 1, 2, 3 and 4. We are concerned regarding the potential impact of these decisions in relation to the longer term sustainability of the Association.

We approved the Annual Assurance Statement at our Management Committee Meeting of 29 September 2022 and authorised this statement to be signed on behalf of the Committee of Management, submitted to the SHR, and made publicly available to our tenants and customers.

Signed: _____ Date: 29 September 2022

Daniel Martyn, Chairperson, on behalf of the Pineview Committee of Management