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Annual Assurance Statement - 2020

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 areas for information and consideration. We have reviewed these areas and have assured ourselves that they are non-material, however we would like to declare for your information and consideration as detailed below:

Equalities Requirements – We are aware that the SHR, have advised that they will be working with representative bodies, and with EHRC/SHRC, to support the sector to develop a guidance framework for this area of work and that SHR do not expect RSLs to begin data collection immediately as the guidance framework needs to be developed first. SHR have previously advised that they would be working work with the sector in producing guidance and that they would start assessing landlords' compliance with the requirement from 1 April 2021. Our understanding is that the development of this guidance has been delayed due to the need to address other priorities related to the unforeseen Covid19 pandemic. The Association therefore still awaits this guidance from SHR in order to progress this area.

Model Rules – We took the decision to delay reviewing our Rules this year due to dealing with Covid19 matters. We advised the SHR of this. We will review our Rules during 2021 and ask our members to consider.

Due to the unprecedented circumstances of Covid19, we instructed additional internal audit work this year to assist us with our assurance. This work took place in July and was specifically to review the Associations Covid19 arrangements to assess the steps taken by the Association during the Covid19 lockdown to ensure that the Association was meeting its requirements. The process was invaluable in helping the Committee have external validation for our assurance of various areas of work.

We have kept our SHR Lead Regulator updated on all matters Covid19 related and on other major business decisions during the year.

We approved the Annual Assurance Statement at our Management Committee Meeting of 27 October 2020 and authorised this statement be signed on behalf of the Committee of Management, submitted to the SHR and made publically available to our tenants and customers.

Signed:_____ Date:_____

Victoria Phelps, Chairperson