

Annual Assurance Statement (AAS) 2024

The Management Committee (Governing Body) of Provanhall Housing Association (PHA) has gained the necessary assurance to support the AAS. The evidence which supports this Statement includes: Reports about performance in key areas including: finance, service delivery, asset management, tenant and resident safety and risk. Internal and External Audit reports. Advice from external and specialist advisers. Outcomes from specific consultation. Data analysis about our tenants and customers. Benchmarking against other local Housing Associations. Reports, advice and information from senior staff. The evidence bank combines reports, policies, advice and information which the Governing Body monitors and oversees on an ongoing basis throughout the year to provide continuous assurance that PHA is compliant.

Additionally, the evidence bank incorporates relevant documents and information that contribute to our assurance and which form the structure of PHA's business and governance activities. We have obtained external support to provide us with additional assurance 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 duties relating to gas, electrical, fire, water, and our obligations relating to asbestos, damp and mould. There are no lifts in our stock. We have completed our assessment into the potential presence of RAAC in our stock and confirm that none has been identified.

The Governing Body confirms that we have reviewed and assessed a comprehensive bank of evidence to support this Statement and that PHA is compliant with:

- All relevant regulatory requirements as set out in Section Three of the Regulatory Framework
- The Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management
- The relevant standards and outcomes of the Scottish Social Housing Charter
- Our statutory obligations in respect of tenant and resident safety, housing and homelessness and equalities and human rights

In reviewing our compliance with the Regulatory Framework, we are assured that we have established appropriate systems for the collection of equalities data. We are assured that we 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. We are assured that PHA has the necessary arrangements in place to identify any risks to compliance in the course of the conduct of our business and governance arrangements.

As Vice Chairperson, I was authorised by the Management Committee (Governing Body) at a meeting held on 1 October 2024 to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

I/We confirm that this Assurance Statement is being published on our website on the same date that it is submitted to the SHR.

Signed by: 
Vice Chairperson

On: 1 October 2024

