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## **Annual Assurance Statement 2022 on behalf of Queens Cross Housing Association Board including subsidiaries in the QC Group.**

As a result of robust, timely and evidence-based reporting to the board, along with ongoing self-assessment, we can confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief that we have assurance of compliance with:

- All relevant regulatory requirements set out in section 3 of the Regulatory Framework.
- All relevant standards and outcomes in the Scottish Social Housing Charter.
- All relevant legislative duties
- The SHR Standards of Governance and Financial Management

We can confirm that there are no areas of material or significant non-compliance that require to be disclosed in this statement either directly due as a result of the pandemic or for any other reason. The Association has followed sector guidance on equalities data collection and can confirm that the Association is the process of implementing an effective approach of collection of equalities information. This will help us understand the individual needs of our tenants and other service users, and to work with them to deliver services that recognise and meet their needs.

The announcement by the First Minister of the introduction of emergency legislation, to introduce a rent freeze on private and social landlords until March 2023 causes a huge degree of uncertainty which will affect proposed rent consultations with tenants, the ability of RSLs to determine a budget for 2023/24 and potentially the relationship with lenders.

We will continue to monitor our business plan, budget and financial assumptions in the context of the ongoing economic situation and in particular as a result of the Scottish Government's use of rent caps beyond March 2023. Our Business Plans reflects the regulatory guidance that was current at the time of its preparation, and we will take account of updated regulatory advice as we monitor and review our Business Plans in the context of the changed situation. Through our self-assessment mapping we have identified areas where we feel improvements can be achieved and action plans have been prepared to address these.

We undertake to notify the SHR should there be any supplementary information or changes to the assurances reported in this statement and will make this statement available to our tenants and stakeholders by publishing it on our website.

We approved our Annual Assurance Statement at the meeting of our Board on Tuesday 25 October 2022.

I sign this statement on behalf of the Board.

**Chair's signature**  
**Date**