

## ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT

The Management Committee of Reidvale Housing Association confirms that we have reviewed and assessed a comprehensive bank of evidence to support this statement. We have obtained additional independent support to provide us with assurance that our approach is both effective and robust.

The Management Committee, in its capacity as the Governing Body of Reidvale Housing Association, is satisfied that Reidvale Housing Association is partially compliant with the regulatory requirements set out in the Scottish Housing Regulator's Regulatory Framework and is actively working with the Scottish Housing Regulator towards full compliance with the Regulatory Standards of Governance & Financial Management and the requirements of Chapter Three of the Regulatory Framework.

The Association has completed a comprehensive governance review and developed a Governance Improvement Plan. As a result of our Director retiring, we have recruited an Interim Director who will focus on the key tasks within the governance review:

- Commissioning the development of a new business plan and a strategic options appraisal.
- Reviewing our asset management strategy
- Reviewing rent affordability
- Reviewing our risk management
- Reviewing our governance policies

During this year we have been impacted by the COVID 19 Pandemic and the consequential business, economic and social disruption this has incurred. We have changed our model of service delivery to reflect government guidance and legislation and continue to follow national guidance and local policy requirements in respect of health and safety, physical distancing, travel, office opening, use of PPE and social gatherings. We would highlight that the Association has been unable to carry out gas safety inspections for all of its properties within the required anniversary date due to the impact of COVID-19. We are, however, satisfied that our monitoring procedures are fully compliant with all HSE guidelines.

The Association will engage additional external support as required to support the governance improvement work. The Management Committee will monitor progress at each meeting until the Governance Improvement Plan is concluded. We will continue to liaise positively with the Scottish Housing Regulator over our progress.

Although Reidvale Housing Association is working towards full compliance we are assured, based on all available evidence, that there are no serious threats to our service provision or financial viability.

We confirm that this Assurance Statement is being published on our website on the same date that it is being submitted to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

As Chair, I was authorised by the Management Committee at a meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Signed ..... Date .....