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On behalf of SBHA's Board of Management, I confirm that we have appropriate assurance that SBHA complies with:

- all relevant regulatory requirements set out in Chapter 3 of the Regulatory Framework
- all relevant legislative duties
- the Standards of Governance and Financial Management
- all relevant standards and outcomes in the Scottish Social Housing Charter

The Board of Management is satisfied that, to the best of our knowledge, SBHA is compliant with the requirements of Chapter Three of the Regulatory Framework and the Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management. We have gained this assurance from a review of a comprehensive bank of evidence and from our ongoing oversight and scrutiny of SBHA's affairs throughout the year (2021-22).

The evidence bank combines reports, policies, advice and information which the Board monitors and oversees on an ongoing basis throughout the year to provide continuous assurance that SBHA is compliant. Additionally, the evidence bank incorporates relevant documents and information that contribute to our assurance and which form the structure of SBHA's business and governance activities. For additional assurance, our Internal Auditors carried out an assessment of Standards 2 & 4 and determined our approach is effective with a robust evidence bank to support assurance.

In assessing the evidence, we have adopted an improvement focus which has resulted in the creation of an Action Plan which we have begun to implement and will continue to progress during the course of the year. We have reviewed the identified actions in the improvement action plan and are satisfied that all are intended to deliver effective improvement and that none are material to our current compliance with the Framework.

In reviewing our compliance with the Regulatory Framework, we are assured that we are working towards having appropriate systems in place 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 are confident that, taking account of the current economic and social environments, we continue to meet our responsibilities to our tenants, service users, regulators and funders. Where we have adopted revised standards of service delivery, we are communicating these changes clearly to Tenants. We are confident that we have successfully resumed normal service levels, subject only to external supply constraints.

Our tenants' safety is paramount, and we are assured that robust plans and programmes are in place to meet our legal responsibilities as a landlord and manage risks. During 2021-22, 100% of gas safety checks were completed within the 12-month anniversary date of certification. At the end of March 2022, 99.13% of our homes had a valid electrical EICR. Of the 0.87% (49) homes that did not, this was as result of the no access being provided. We worked with the tenants concerned and since year end, the number outstanding has reduced to 0.26% (15). We will continue to work with the tenants to ensure that the small remaining outstanding number are complete as quickly as possible and expect to have these all completed by Q3 2022.

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 do so.

As Chair, I was authorised by the Board on 8th September 2022 to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator. This Assurance Statement is being published on our website on the same date that it is submitted to the SHR.

SignedRobin Hill.....(*Chair of SBHA's Board of Management*)