



Housing and Technical Resources
Interim Executive Director **Annette Finnan**

Our Annual Assurance Statement

South Lanarkshire Council complies with the regulatory requirements set out in Chapter 3 of the Scottish Housing Regulator's Framework. This includes that we:

- achieve all standards and outcomes in the Scottish Social Housing Charter for tenants, people who are homeless and others who use our services
- comply with all our legal obligations relating to housing and homelessness, equality and human rights, and tenant and resident safety with the exception of the following:-
 - In relation to the Council's two Gypsy/Traveller sites, a programme of improvement work has progressed and compliance in terms of the fire safety standards has now been met at one of the sites, and partial compliance at the other. Progress at the council's site at Shawlands Crescent in Larkhall is now well advanced and will be fully compliant by end of November 2022. Fire safety guidance continues to be a key focus of activity for the Council.
 - In relation to SHQS and the reporting requirements of Fire Tolerable Standards and Fixed Electrical Testing, a programme of work is progressing well, however a number remain outstanding due to ongoing issues with the availability of equipment and ability to gain access to carry out the installations/testing. A robust programme of work in place to address these issues and will be closely monitored by the council.

In relation to equalities data collection and human rights, the Council has well established processes and policies in these areas, with consideration already embedded in how we deliver services. Work is being progressed to further develop and adjust our existing approach to the collection of equalities and human rights information along with other changes to reflect the requirements of the regulatory guidance.

On an ongoing basis, the Committee specifically consider the information and evidence necessary to provide the required assurance.

The Annual Assurance Statement for 2021/22 was approved at the meeting of our Housing and Technical Resources Committee on 5 October 2022.

Chair's signature:

Date: 6 October 2022