

Annual Assurance Statement

Southside Housing Association is required by the Scottish Housing Regulator's revised Regulatory Framework to prepare and submit its initial Annual Assurance Statement by 31 October 2019. This document represents the statement that was considered and approved by the Management Committee at its meeting on 26 September 2019. This statement will also be made available on the Association's website to our tenants and other stakeholders.

Statement of the Southside Housing Association Management Committee:

We can advise that we comply with:

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

The Management Committee confirm that we have considered and assessed appropriate evidence to support our assurance of compliance with the above. This includes:

- Independent self-assessment against the Standards of Governance and Financial Management;
- Our annual programme of internal audit and other external and specialist advice;
- External audit;
- Large scale tenant satisfaction survey;
- Annual Return on the Charter 2018/19;
- Reports about performance in key areas including service delivery, finance, asset management, development, risk and tenant health and safety reports.

As part of the Association's commitment to continuous improvement an Annual Assurance Statement Improvement Plan has been developed, progress against this plan will be monitored by the Management Committee. We consider that none of the actions identified in our Improvement Plan are material to our current compliance with the Framework.

As Chair, I was authorised by the Management Committee at a meeting held on 26 September 2019 to sign and submit this Annual Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

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