

# ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT

31<sup>st</sup> October 2023

As a Registered Social Landlord (RSL), Viewpoint Housing Association (VHA) is required to submit its Annual Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) by the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. This document represents the Statement that was considered and approved by the Finance, Risk & Audit Committee at its meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

The Board of Viewpoint Housing Association is satisfied that VHA 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 VHA affairs throughout the year (2022–23).

The evidence bank combines reports, policies, advice and detailed information which the Board and associated committees monitor and oversee on an ongoing basis throughout the year to provide continuous assurance that VHA is compliant. Additionally, the evidence bank incorporates relevant documents and information that contribute to our assurance and which form the structure of VHA's business and governance activities.

In reviewing our compliance with the Regulatory Framework, we are assured that we are working towards having appropriate systems 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 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 enable us to do so.

As Chair of Viewpoint Board, I was authorised by the Finance, Risk & Audit Committee at a meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

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***Mr Iain Thompson, Chair***