

ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT

As agreed by Board of Viewpoint Housing Association – October 2021

Introduction

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 31st October 2021. This document represents the Statement that was considered and approved by the Board at its meeting on the 29th October 2021.

Review of Assurance Evidence

The Board's review of the revised 2020 Annual Assurance Statement resulted in the preparation of a comprehensive Operational Governance Action Plan. We are continuing to prioritise the identified actions within the implementation plan which is being led by the Chief Executive.

In addition we have engaged an external consultant to review and assess a comprehensive bank of evidence to support this Statement. The Board confirms that **Viewpoint Housing Association is working towards compliance** with the Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management and the requirements of Chapter Three of the Regulatory Framework.

The following highlights areas of non-compliance as a consequence of Covid-19 pandemic, as per the guidance from the Scottish Housing Regulator. We have agreed and are implementing our action plans to address these areas to ensure full compliance by 31st March 2022;

- Outstanding actions from Fire Risk Assessments
- Electrical Installation conditional inspections
- Water Risk Assessments



In reviewing compliance in the area of equalities, we are assured that we are working towards having appropriate systems in place for the collection of this sensitive data. We continue to review the final guidance to consider how we implement equalities and human rights issues in our decisions, policy making and service delivery.

Improvement Focus

In reviewing compliance overall, we are committed to working towards a culture of continuous improvement throughout the course of the year. In the short term, the Board have agreed specific improvement actions with the aim of being fully compliant by 31st March 2022.

We recognise that we are required to notify the SHR of any changes in our compliance during the course of the year as this will inform the future Engagement Plan for the organisation.

This Assurance Statement was approved by the Viewpoint Board at their meeting on 29th October 2021, and is signed for and on their behalf by the Chair:

Iain Thompson, Chair