

Annual Assurance Statement 2021

The Committee of Management for Whiteinch & Scotstoun Housing Association Ltd, at its Meeting of 13th October 2021, is satisfied that the Housing Association complies with:

the regulatory requirements set out in Chapter 3 of the Scottish Housing Regulator's Regulatory Framework;

all relevant standards and outcomes in the Scottish Social Housing Charter;

all relevant legislative duties; and the Standards of Governance and Financial Management

while no areas have been identified where the Association does not materially comply.

It is noted, though, in line with working under the constraints imposed by the continuing pandemic situation, this has largely been based on evidence produced previously by an independent auditor. However, even within this situation, while seeking to ensure the continued provision of services, this has been backed up by continuous reporting to the Committee, an ongoing internal audit programme and the consideration and approval of the Annual Return on the Charter, which suggest, as indicated, no material failure to comply.

The Committee will continue to recognise the Regulatory Standards and, whilst prioritising the safety and provision of services to tenants and residents, will work, as previously planned, to more comprehensively evidence compliance, as soon as the prevailing circumstances allow.

The Association has been waiting for new guidance on the collection of Equality Information which has, unfortunately, been delayed. Now that it is available, the Committee of Management has formally agreed to its use in drawing up a strategy with the intention that this is implemented from April 2022.





In addition, while, we hope and believe that the way we deliver services and develop policies would generally be consistent with a human rights approach, we are aware that this is an emerging agenda and that so far there is little in the way of housing-specific guidance. We understand that SHR, CIH Scotland the Scottish Human Rights Commission are due to produce guidance on some aspects of the human rights approach to housing. We look forward to using this, and any other relevant guidance that is produced in the future, to inform our work to review our own approach and consider whether any changes might be needed to our services or policies.

As Chairperson, I was authorised by the Committee of Management at the Meeting of 13th October 2021 to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Chris Watson Chairperson.