

Muirhouse Housing Association – Annual Assurance Statement 2020

This is the Annual Assurance Statement of Muirhouse Housing Association Limited. The Board of Management has carried out an assessment of the organisation's compliance with the Scottish Housing Regulator's Standards of Governance and Financial Management to determine how Muirhouse Housing Association meets the Standards.

To the best of the Board's knowledge and belief, we comply with:

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

During the assessment against the Standards of Governance and Financial Management, the Board of Management identified areas for improvement and operational plans are now in place to implement these improvements. The Board of Management is satisfied that none of these areas represent a material non-compliance.

The Board of Management of Muirhouse Housing Association confirm that they have reviewed and assessed appropriate evidence and to the best of their knowledge support this level of assurance.

In addition to the assessment carried out by staff and the Board of Management, the Internal Auditor will be performing a follow-up on the self-assessment process and approach of Muirhouse Housing Association in February 2021. The internal auditor previously confirmed the design and effectiveness of the self-assessment process as being generally sound.

In considering our compliance with our legal and regulatory requirements in 2020, we have taken account of the considerable impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and consequent business, economic and social disruption. We continue to comply fully with the temporary changes to legislation and continue to follow national and local policy and requirements e.g. in respect of health and safety, physical distancing, travel, office opening, use of PPE, application of Test and Protect requirements and indoor gatherings.

We are confident that the measures that we have put in place and the contingency planning that we have implemented have ensured that we are able to continue to meet our responsibilities to our tenants, service users, regulators and funders.



We continue to monitor our business plan, budget and financial assumptions in the context of the ongoing emergency situation and associated business interruption. Our Business Plan reflects the regulatory guidance that was current at the time of its preparation and we will take account of updated regulatory advice as we monitor and review our Business Plan in the context of the changed situation.

This Annual Assurance Statement was considered and approved by the Board of Management at the board meeting of Muirhouse Housing Association held on Saturday 28 November 2020. It is signed by the Chair on behalf of the Board of Management.

Name: Iain Strachan

Signature: _____

Date: 28 November 2020