



Muirhouse Housing Association

Annual Assurance Statement 2023

Over the course of 2022/2023 the Association's Board of Management has sought appropriate assurance that the organisation remains compliant with the Scottish Housing Regulator's Regulatory Framework. This has been done through a variety of methods including internal and external audit, appropriate external advice and support. The Board of Management meets regularly discussing all areas of compliance and assurance which is evidenced through reports, minutes, events and training.

The Board are satisfied that we have reviewed and assessed a comprehensive bank of evidence to support this Statement that Muirhouse Housing Association is compliant with:

- All relevant regulatory requirements as set out in Section Three of the Regulatory Framework
- The Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management
- The relevant standards and outcomes of the Scottish Social Housing Charter
- Our statutory obligations in respect of tenant and resident safety, housing and homelessness and equalities and human rights

During the last twelve months significant work has been undertaken internally including strengthening the organisation through the conclusion and implementation of a full staffing restructure and successful board recruitment exercise. In addition, like all RSLs across the sector we have been managing the challenging external environment which has seen the impacts of severe economic challenges and other world events place financial and operational pressures across a range of areas particularly maintenance and improvement programmes.

Within this Assurance Statement the Board makes particular reference to meeting the relevant obligations placed upon RSLs to ensure tenant safety and we are satisfied that we meet all of our duties and obligations in relation to tenant and resident safety. In particular, we have gained the necessary evidence-based assurance of our compliance in respect of duties relating to gas, electrical, fire, water and lift safety and our obligations relating to asbestos, damp and mould. We have recently commissioned specialist external support to conduct a fuller review into our compliance across these areas and to support our assurance.

In reviewing our compliance with the Regulatory Framework, we are assured that we have established 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.

The Board confirms that it has reviewed and assessed the appropriate evidence and requirements contained within the Regulatory Framework and is assured that we are compliant with no material weaknesses identified.

The Association confirms that this Assurance Statement will be published on its website on the same date that it is being submitted to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

The Association recognises that it is required to notify the Scottish Housing Regulator of any changes in its compliance during the year and the Board is assured that there are effective systems in place to enable it to do so.

This Annual Assurance Statement was considered and approved by the Board on 30th October 2023 and signed by the Chair on behalf of the Board.

Signed by:

Lindsay Johnstone, Chairperson

For and on behalf of the Board of Management of Muirhouse Housing Association

Date: 30th October 2023