

Annual Assurance Statement October 2024

We the Management Committee confirm that following a period of self-assessment and consideration of the range of information provided by staff, we have sufficient evidence to conclude that we comply with our legislative and regulatory requirements and that we are satisfied that there are no areas of material non-compliance.

The comprehensive bank of evidence collated by staff to underpin our Annual Assurance Statement is detailed in a written 'Assurance Statement-Continuous Review and Improvement Plan' (ASCRIP). The ASCRIP evidence bank combines reports, policies, documents, advice, audits, and information that the Committee monitors and oversees continuously throughout the year to provide us with continuous assurance that LHA is compliant.

The Committee confirms that we have reviewed and assessed this evidence periodically and that LHA 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 response to tenant and resident safety, housing and homelessness, and equalities and human rights.

We are satisfied that we meet all our tenant and resident safety duties. 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. LHA remains committed to improving our SHQS compliance. Since our 2023 AAS, we have completed all outstanding EICRs ensuring that our housing stock is maintained within the 5-year inspection cycle. We have completed our assessment of the potential presence of RAAC in our stock and confirm that none has been identified.

As a Committee, 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.

We recognise that we are required to notify the SHR of any changes in our compliance during the year, and are assured that we have effective arrangements in place to enable us to do so.

The Management Committee is satisfied that, to the best of our knowledge, LHA 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 reviewing the comprehensive bank of evidence (ASCRIP) and our ongoing oversight and scrutiny of LHA's affairs throughout the year (2023/24).

We approved our Annual Assurance Statement at the Committee Meeting held on the 29th October 2024. I sign this statement on behalf of the Committee.

Signed (LHA Chairperson):



Date: 30 OCT 2024