

Annual Assurance Statement by the Management Committee of Govanhill Housing Association 2024

This is the Govanhill Housing Association's 2024 Annual Assurance Statement.

Members of the Management Committee in conjunction with Association senior staff convened an Assurance working group (AWG) and conducted a comprehensive self assurance review throughout the year. The group looked at a number of regulatory standards and requirements and presented its findings to the full Management Committee at its August and September 2024 meetings.

The outcome is that we deem to have appropriate assurance that the Association complies 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 and our statutory obligations in respect of tenant & resident safety, housing & homelessness, and equalities & human rights.

The Management Committee has taken reasonable and proportionate steps and scrutinised a range of documents comprising reports, policies, advice and information and sought additional assurance where necessary to have assurance of compliance. Our AWG has also scrutinised the commentary and evidence documents to ensure evidence is up to date and relevant.

We are satisfied that the Association continues to comply fully with any changes to legislation (e.g. health and safety) and to follow national and local policy guidance. All gas safety certificates are up to date, updates on the remaining three outstanding EICRs are regularly forwarded to the Housing Regulator, and the Association is compliant in its delivery of its requirements associated with Gas safety, Electrical safety, Water safety, Fire safety, Asbestos management, Damp and Mould Management, and Lift safety.

In assessing the evidence, we have again developed an Action Plan which we have begun to implement and will continue to progress during the course of the year. We have reviewed the identified actions in the action plan and are satisfied that all are intended to deliver effective improvement and that none are material to our current compliance with the Framework.

The Association makes its Assurance Statement available to tenants and has consulted with tenants on the annual assurance process and the Charter Report.

The Association recognises that we are required to notify the Scottish Housing Regulator of any changes in our compliance during the course of the year and we have effective arrangements in place to enable us to do so.

This Assurance Statement was discussed and approved by the Management Committee at its meeting on 23rd October 2024.

Signed on behalf of the Management Committee:

Chairperson of Management Committee:

23rd October 2024