



## Annual Assurance Statement October 2023

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 which the Committee monitors and oversees on an ongoing basis 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 duties 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, fire, water, and lift safety, and our obligations relating to asbestos, damp and mould. LHA are continuing to work towards increasing our current SHQS percentage within our stock portfolio focusing primarily on element 11 (Electrical Installations) & 45 (Safe Electrical Systems) of the Scottish Housing Quality Standards. LHA have been working to increase the number of properties receiving an EICR (Electrical Installation Condition Report) by way of increasing our pool of external partners. We aim to have all outstanding properties completed as soon as practicable.

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 a review of the comprehensive bank of evidence (ASCRIP), and from our ongoing oversight and scrutiny of LHA's affairs throughout the year (2022/23).

We approved our Annual Assurance Statement at the Committee Meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023. I sign this statement on behalf of the Committee.

Signed (LHA Chairperson):    D McGrath   

Date:    24<sup>th</sup> October 2023