

Annual Assurance Statement by the Management Committee of Govanhill Housing Association

- 1) This document is Govanhill Housing Association's 2019 Annual Assurance Statement. We are required to submit the Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) by the end of October each year.
- 2) The Management Committee has concluded that it has appropriate assurance that **the Association complies with the regulatory requirements set out in Chapter 3 of the Regulatory Framework, with no areas of material non-compliance.**

Our Statement applies to:

- The Regulatory Requirements set out in Chapter 3 of the Regulatory Framework
- The Standards of Governance and Financial Management
- The Scottish Social Housing Charter.

- 3) The Management Committee has taken reasonable and proportionate steps in reaching its conclusions.

As noted in recent public statements by SHR, it is not possible for governing body members to have absolute knowledge of all aspects of their organisation's compliance with every regulatory requirement and standard.

Accordingly, we have adopted SHR's suggested principle that the Management Committee should have "enough assurance" to sign the Annual Assurance Statement, on the terms outlined above.

- 4) In overseeing and then approving the Annual Assurance Statement, the Management Committee has reviewed the level of assurance it has about the Association's compliance with each of the regulatory requirements noted at 2) above. To this end, the Association has carried out detailed compliance and assurance reviews for all of the regulatory requirements that apply to us.
- 5) The Management Committee has scrutinised the review documents, and has sought additional information and assurance where necessary. As a result, the

Management Committee is satisfied that it has sufficient assurance to submit the Annual Assurance Statement on the terms we have described in paragraph 2).

- 6) Our self-assurance reviews have identified areas for improvement, but none that the Management Committee considers would represent material non-compliance with regulatory requirements. In considering material non-compliance, the Association has:
 - Adopted the definition of materiality provided in SHR's statutory guidance on Annual Assurance Statements.
 - Considered the risks and potential impact of non-compliance.
- 7) For those areas where there is a need for improvement, the Management Committee has considered and approved an Action Plan to manage and report on the actions needed. In accordance with the SHR guidance, we have not included the Action Plan in our Assurance Statement. The Management Committee will monitor progress in the targeted areas, to make sure that the Action Plan is implemented effectively.
- 8) The Association will make this Assurance Statement available to tenants. We will also advise SHR of any material changes to the level of assurance reported in the Assurance Statement, as described in SHR's guidance.

This Assurance Statement was approved by the Management Committee at its meeting on 23 October 2019.

Signed by, on behalf of the Management Committee:

**Annie Macfarlane
Chairperson
Govanhill Housing Association
23rd October 2019**