Annual Assurance Statement by the Management Committee of Govanhill Housing Association

1) This document is Govanhill Housing Association’s 2022 Annual Assurance Statement to be submitted to the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) by October 2022.

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.

3) The Management Committee has scrutinised an evidence bank of review documents comprising reports, policies, advice and information throughout the year seeking additional assurance where necessary.

4) For those areas requiring improvement, the Management Committee considers and approves an Annual Action Plan which is monitored regularly to ensure it is implemented effectively.

5) Furthermore, the Committee continues to monitor the Association’s business plans, budgets and financial assumptions in the context of challenges created by the wider economic context such as fluctuating interest rates, inflationary pricing and decreased supply of resources, which may affect its tenant’s capacity to pay rent or the Association’s requirements to meet its obligations.

   In considering its compliance with legal and regulatory requirements in 2022, 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 fully up to date. We have a number of electrical installation reports which although overdue have been instructed for completion by the end of the calendar year.

6) The Association provides an annual equalities report as part of its assurance to Committee which incorporates equalities information from a wide range of business areas including protected characteristics specific to tenants. The Equalities Action plan is updated regularly. Action is ongoing in relation to the equalities information we require to report on for the 2022/23 Annual Return on the Charter.

7) The Association will make this Assurance Statement available to tenants. It will also advise SHR of any material changes to the level of assurance reported in the Assurance Statement.

This Assurance Statement was approved by the Management Committee at its meeting on 19 October 2022.

Signed on behalf of the Management Committee:

Chairperson of Management Committee:
19th October 2022