

Annual Assurance Statement – October 2022 – Cathcart & District Housing Association Ltd.

The Committee of Management confirms that we have reviewed and assessed a comprehensive bank of evidence to support our statement that Cathcart & District Housing Association is, to the best of our knowledge, compliant with:

- All relevant regulatory requirements as set out in Section Three of the Regulatory Framework
- The relevant standards and outcomes of the Scottish Social Housing Charter
- The Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management
- In relation to our statutory obligations in respect of tenant and resident safety we are compliant in all areas except for Electrical Installation Condition Reports (EICRs). We have an action plan in place and aim to be 100% compliant by March 2023. We will update the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) monthly until we reach the 100% mark.

The evidence bank combines reports, policies, advice, and information which the Committee of Management monitors and oversees on an ongoing basis throughout the year to provide continuous assurance that Cathcart & District Housing Association is compliant. The evidence which supports this Statement includes:

- Reports about performance in key areas including finance, service delivery, asset management, development, and risk
- Internal and External Audit reports
- Advice from external and specialist advisers
- Tenant outcomes from specific consultation
- Data analysis about our tenants and customers
- Benchmarking
- Reports, advice, and information from senior staff

In reviewing the evidence and assessing compliance, we have undertaken a self-assessment process as detailed in the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA) self-assurance toolkit. We have obtained external support from consultants and auditors to provide us with additional assurance and the evidence provided to the Committee of Management is effective and robust. In assessing the evidence, we have created an Action Plan which we have implemented throughout the year and will continue to progress during the remainder of the year. We have reviewed the identified actions in the improvement action plan and are satisfied that all are intended to deliver effective improvement and that only one area (EICRs) is material to our current compliance with the Framework. This includes the requirement to meet Equality and Human Rights requirements, where we are continuing to work towards compliance.



We have training planned within our programme for both staff and Committee in connection with Equality and Human Rights requirements and this will provide further reassurance to the Committee of Management.

The Committee of Management will monitor the progress of the Action Plan throughout the year.

Following and during the pandemic, we have ensured that the Committee of Management is fully informed and in control. We already used online software for Committee of Management papers and our Committee of Management during the pandemic met via online video conference meetings. We now offer a hybrid way of holding meetings to ensure maximum attendance. The Committee of Management continues to monitor the Impact of Covid-19 on the Association's Business and Financial plans, both for the current year and future years.

Our future financial projections have been updated to reflect the changing circumstances and continue to show a strong financial position. We are assured that Cathcart & District Housing Association has the necessary arrangements in place to identify any risks to compliance during the conduct of our business and governance arrangements and in the event that there are any changes to our compliance the SHR would be notified. The Committee of Management has been actively involved in the development and assessment of the evidence bank and monitors regulatory and legal compliance on a regular and ongoing basis.

As Chair, I was authorised by the Committee of Management at a meeting held on Tuesday 18 October 2022 to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator. We confirm that this Assurance Statement is being published on our website on the same date that it is submitted to the SHR.

Signed (Chairperson)

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