

## **ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT 2022**

The Management Committee of Yorkhill Housing Association has concluded that it is fully compliant with the regulatory requirements as prescribed in Chapter 3 of the Scottish Housing Regulator's framework, with no areas of material non-compliance.

This includes that we:

- achieve all of the standards and outcomes in the Scottish Social Housing Charter for tenants, people who are homeless and other service users
- comply with our legal obligations relating to housing and homelessness, equality and human rights, and tenant safety
- comply with the RSL Regulatory Standards for Governance and Financial Management

We confirm we have seen and considered sufficient evidence to provide us with this assurance.

Our evidence comprises a range of sources, recorded and stored in our Assurance Bank. It includes staff reports covering all business activities, external audit reports, committee meeting minutes, external guidance, policy and practice reviews, service agreements, financial plans and business planning reviews.

Our Equality and Diversity Strategy was reviewed during 2021-22 and our policy updated. Our data collection and monitoring processes were updated in accordance with SFHA Guidance. Training and awareness raising sessions for staff and committee members have been held and are ongoing. When housing-specific guidance on Human Rights is available, our policies and procedures will be re-assessed as appropriate. In the meantime, we consider our focus and commitment to customer care provides a robust framework for human rights and related issues.

In relation to tenant safety, we had an external audit undertaken at the beginning of the year which did not identify any areas of concern. We developed an action plan which has been progressed to ensure policy or practice issues have been addressed to support our confidence that resident safety remains a top priority.

We have 49 properties that do not have a valid EICR, as our five-year rolling programme was significantly disrupted by the pandemic. Our staff and contractors are working to complete all outstanding inspections by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. We have adjusted our SHQS compliance figure to take account of these abeyances.

**This Assurance Statement was approved at our meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022.**

I therefore confirm this Statement of Assurance on behalf of the Association for the period 2021-22.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Malcolm Green', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Dr Malcolm Green**

**Chairperson**