

## **Forth Housing Association Annual Assurance Statement 2023 to the Scottish Housing Regulator**

The Management Committee of Forth Housing Association has over the course of the year, carried out a comprehensive review of compliance with the Regulatory Standards of Governance and financial Management and the requirements of Section Three of the Regulatory Framework.

In addition to the Management Committee reviews, an independent Strategic Option Appraisal was carried out in April 2023 part of which incorporated a governance review of our compliance with the Regulatory Standards.

The evidence bank combines committee reports, policies, advice and information which the Management Committee monitors and oversees on an ongoing basis to provide continuous assurance as well as the Strategic Option Appraisal Report.

Our joint tenant scrutiny group, supported by Tenants Information Service (TIS), also carried out a review of our Annual Assurance Statement (AAS) process and information and are satisfied with our approach and we have revised our statement accordingly.

It is our assessment that we meet all of the Regulatory Standards of Governance and financial Management and the requirements of Chapter Three of the Regulatory Framework. We continue to work with our improvement plan which covers non material improvements building on the work that we have done over the last two years.

### **Legislative Duties – Tenant and Resident Safety**

Legislative duties associated with housing and homelessness services, equality and human rights, and tenant and resident safety.

We have assurance and evidence that we are meeting all of our legal obligations associated with housing and tenant and resident safety and can confirm that we have no properties with Reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) following a desk top review.

We meet all of our duties in relation to tenant and resident safety. We have the necessary evidence-based assurance of our compliance in respect of duties relating to gas, electrical, fire, water, lift safety (no lifts) and our obligations relating to asbestos, and damp and mould.

We have also introduced an effective approach to the collection of equalities and human rights information from tenants, staff and applicants through a variety of methods and are assured

that we are already taking account of equality issues in our decisions, policies and our service delivery.

As Vice Chair, I was authorised by the Management Committee at a meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 to sign and submit this Annual Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

**Name: Andrea Finkel-Gates**

**Position: Chair/Vice Chair**

**Signed:**

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the Vice Chair.

**Date: 30/10/2023**