

ASSURANCE STATEMENT 2025

GWHA's Management Committee has the necessary levels of assurance to report full compliance with chapter three of the regulatory framework including The Standards of Governance and Financial Management, the relevant standards of the Scottish Social Housing Charter and the Constitutional Requirements for RSLs.

Our assessment of compliance is corroborated by a robust strategic management and governance framework including routine environmental scanning and risk review, performance benchmarking, and compliance self-assessment against legislation, regulatory requirements and best practice. Independent specialist advisors support complex decision-making, and systems and external audit provide additional scrutiny and validation: informing plans this year for enhancing our existing arrangements for business continuity, risk management and ICT security.

The independent monitoring of service satisfaction, and reports from our consultation and engagement measures are reflected in our decision-making; and feedback and learning from complaints supports our culture of continuous improvement. Our Corporate Strategy to 2028 is influenced by the feedback from our *Future Services Survey (2022)* and we are continuing to make significant strides in progressing initiatives aligned to tenant priorities around customer services, repairs and investment. Optimising value for money continues to underpin our service delivery, and recent reprocurement of environmental service contracts is reflective of tenant feedback.

Our Equalities and Human Rights Strategy was last reviewed in 2021/22, and an external audit of compliance with sector aligned human rights guidance (scheduled for Q4 2025/26) will inform our strategies going forward. Mindful of GDPR requirements, we have refined the extent of our equalities data collection to four protected characteristics (age, sex, race and disability), and we are assured that our Equalities Impact Assessments, incorporating all protected characteristics, ensure compliant policies and procedures. We are aware that this is a developing area, and our approach is kept under review to reflect emerging advice.

On Tenant and Resident Safety, we are satisfied that systems, controls and proportionate action plans (including enforcement measures) are in place to demonstrate compliance with regulatory requirements on gas, electrical and fire safety; asbestos and water management systems; dampness and mould; and passenger lifts and roof anchor/fall arrest systems. We remain vigilant to wider public health issues, with proactive stakeholder engagement to ensure effective strategies for managing waste and vermin across our area of operation.

In this ongoing volatile operating environment, and with an evolving regulatory landscape, there remain challenges and risks for our business and for our operations. Of note is the significant challenge in progressing common repair projects (specifically fabric and roof repairs) in mixed tenure developments, as we strive for solutions that support our distinct landlord and property factoring responsibilities, amid the growing pressures of affordability, private sector funding support, and escalating costs from compressed market conditions.

We are closely monitoring our Plans to ensure they remain appropriate and proportionate in context to our service delivery and regulatory commitments; with ongoing emphasis on delivering affordable rents and on fostering strong partnerships to support increasingly vulnerable communities; aligned to which, our agreement to provide the Local Authority with the requested percentage of lets to assist the City's response to the mounting challenges around homelessness.

We are encouraged by the progress of our development projects at Corunna Street and Burnbank Gardens, which will deliver an additional 39 units of much-needed social housing for our communities; and we are at an advanced stage of negotiations to conclude the final account for our completed Dover Street development.

We are satisfied that the actions within our compliance plans are appropriate, proportionate and non-material; we are aware of the requirement to notify the SHR of material changes in our compliance during the year; and we are assured that the appropriate arrangements are in place should this be necessary.

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On behalf of GWhA's Management Committee
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