

## **Annual Assurance Statement 2023**

### **Almond Housing Association**

The Board confirms that we have reviewed and assessed a comprehensive bank of evidence to support this Statement that Almond Housing Association is compliant with:

- All relevant regulatory requirements as set out in Section Three of the Regulatory Framework
- The Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management
- The relevant standards and outcomes of the Scottish Social Housing Charter
- Our statutory obligations in respect of tenant and resident safety, housing and homelessness and equalities and human rights

The evidence bank combines reports, policies, advice and information which the Board monitors and oversees on an ongoing basis throughout the year to provide continuous assurance that Almond Housing Association is compliant. Additionally, the evidence bank incorporates relevant documents and information that contribute to our assurance and which form the structure of Almond Housing Association's business and governance activities.

In reviewing our compliance with the Regulatory Framework, we are assured that we have an effective approach to the collection of equalities information. We are assured that we are working towards using this data to take account of equality and human rights issues in our decisions, policy making and day-to-day service delivery. The Board is assured that we meet all duties in relation to tenant and resident safety and comply with all relevant safety requirements in respect of gas safety, electrical safety, water safety, fire safety, asbestos, damp and mould, and lift safety.

We are assured that Almond Housing Association has the necessary arrangements in place to identify any risks to compliance in the course of the conduct of our business and governance arrangements. The Board is assured that appropriate arrangements are in place to notify the Scottish Housing Regulator of any changes to our compliance during the year.

As Chair, I was authorised by the Board at a meeting held on 3 August 2023 to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator. I confirm that this Assurance Statement is being published on our website on the same date that it is submitted to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Name: Adam Turner

Date: 3 August 2023