



25<sup>th</sup> October 2022

The Board members within Ore Valley Housing Association (OVHA) have considered compliance with regulatory and legislative requirements and have taken account of the long term effects from the impact from COVID-19 while preparing the Annual Assurance Statement for 2022.

The Board members confirm that the Housing Association are compliant with:

- All 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
- Statutory obligations in respect of tenant and resident safety, housing and homelessness and equalities and human rights

The comprehensive bank of evidence that supports this statement includes: reports, policies, performance information, financial reporting, internal and external audit reports, which have been reviewed by the governing bodies and the Finance Audit and Risk Management Committee throughout the year. We are assured that OVHA has the necessary arrangements in place to identify any risks to compliance in the course of the conduct of our business and governance arrangements.

### Equalities and Human Rights

OVHA acknowledges the requirement to consider equality, diversity and human rights issues when making decisions, reviewing policies and delivering services.

In reviewing our compliance with the Regulatory Framework, we are assured that we are currently working towards having appropriate systems in place for the collection of equalities data. 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.

### EICR Compliance

We currently have 18 properties which do not have a valid EICR. This is a direct result of the pandemic and understandable tenant concerns about potential transmission of Covid by inspecting contractors, who require access to every room in a property to carry out these inspections. We have appointed a contractor and are working with the tenants concerned to reassure them that all necessary precautions continue to be employed. All outstanding inspections are scheduled to be completed by 31st December, 2022. As reported in our ARC, these properties are currently categorised as 'in abeyance' for the purposes of the SHQS.

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### **Factoring Service**

The development of our factoring service has been delayed as a result of the pandemic, we are assured that work is ongoing with our legal advisors with a view to the provision of a fair and robust service in place during 2022/23.

As Chair, I was authorised by the Board at a meeting held on 18th October, 2022 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.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Ore Valley Housing Association Ltd.

 BOARD MEMBER

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John Flynn  
Chair  
Ore Valley Housing Association  
25<sup>th</sup> October, 2022