

Paragon Housing Association Limited

Annual Assurance Statement – 20th October 2021

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The Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) requires that all registered social landlords produce an Annual Assurance Statement in relation to compliance with Chapter 3 of the Regulatory Framework including Standards of Governance & Financial Management. This is the third Annual Statement produced by Paragon Housing Association.

Gaining Assurance

The Management Committee has carried out a review of compliance with the Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management and the requirements of Chapter Three of the Regulatory Framework.

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

In considering our compliance with our legal and regulatory requirements in 2021, we have taken account of the considerable impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and consequent business, economic and social disruption.

We are confident that the measures that we have put in place and the contingency planning that we have implemented have ensured that we are able to continue to meet our responsibilities to our tenants, service users, regulators and funders.

Where we have adopted revised standards of service delivery, we have communicated changes clearly to our tenants and are in the process of ensuring a resumption of normal service levels.

In reviewing our compliance with the Regulatory Framework, we are assured that we are 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. We have reviewed the documents and plans currently in place.

The Management Committee is not complacent about matters of performance and compliance. In reviewing compliance, we have adopted an improvement focus and have also identified a number of improvement actions which we will progress during the course of the year.

We are satisfied that these actions are intended to deliver effective improvement and that none are material to our current compliance with the Framework. We recognise that we are required to notify the SHR of any changes in our compliance during the course of the year and are assured that we have effective arrangements in place to enable us to do so.

Section 2: Authority

As Chair, I was authorised by the Management Committee at a meeting held on 20th October 2021 to sign and submit this Assurance Statement to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Name	Flora Wallace
Designation	Chair
Signature	
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