



## Annual Assurance Statement 2023

The Board of Hanover Scotland Housing Association, having made all reasonable enquiries and based on sufficient and reliable information provided by the Assurance Framework Management Team, can confirm that Hanover has completed a robust and thorough self-assessment of its activities using the SFHA Assurance Toolkit. We confirm that, as part of our review, we have considered:

- All relevant regulatory requirements set out in Chapter 3 of the Regulatory Framework
- The standards and outcomes in the Scottish Social Housing Charter;
- Legal obligations relating to housing and homelessness, equality and human rights, and tenant and resident safety;
- The Standards of Governance and Financial Management for RSLs.

We, as the Board of Hanover, have reviewed the Assurance Framework and evidence bank which combines reports, policies, procedures, and information which is monitored and reviewed on an ongoing basis throughout the year. In addition, the evidence bank incorporates other key documents and information that contributes to our assurance, and which forms the structure of Hanover's business and governance activities.

We are assured that all duties in relation to tenant and resident safety, and in particular our compliance with all relevant safety requirements including Gas safety, Electrical safety, Water safety, Fire safety, Asbestos, Damp and Mould and Lift safety have been met.

Over the last 2 years, we have implemented appropriate systems for the collection of equalities data for customers, Board Members, and employees. We have established an Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Project Group, updated our EDI Policy and Procedure and developed an Equality Impact Assessment process. Using this robust basis, we are now developing plans for how we use our data to take account of equalities and human rights issues in our decisions, policy making and all other services that Hanover deliver.

We **comply with all** requirements outlined in the Regulatory Framework

In reviewing our evidence and assessing compliance, we have identified areas where we intend to further improve and develop. We do not consider the gaps to be material or significant, and they will be taken forward as part of Hanover's Assurance Framework Action Plan.

We will publish this Annual Assurance Statement on our website once it has been submitted to the Scottish Housing Regulator. This Annual Assurance Statement was approved by Hanover's Board on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

Signed:  Gary Devlin (Chair)