



Annual Assurance Statement 2026

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 we have reviewed and assessed a comprehensive bank of evidence to support this statement that Hanover **is compliant** with:

- All relevant regulatory requirements set out in Chapter 3 of the Regulatory Framework
- The Regulatory Standards of Governance and Financial Management
- The relevant standards and outcomes of the Scottish Social Housing Charter
- All other relevant legislative obligations

We, as the Board of Hanover, have reviewed the Assurance Framework and Evidence Bank comprising of reports, policies, procedures and other relevant 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 basis of Hanover's business and governance activities.

We have also, where it was relevant to do so, obtained external support to provide us with additional assurance that our approach is effective and robust.

We confirm that we have comprehensive, robust, up to date information about the construction, components and condition of our homes. We use this information to ensure the safety of our tenants' and residents' homes and to inform our asset management and financial planning.

We are assured that the necessary frameworks are in place to meet all our obligations in relation to tenant and resident safety. We have gained the necessary evidence-based assurance of our compliance in respect of statutory and regulatory obligations relating to gas safety, electrical safety, water safety, fire safety, asbestos safety, lift safety and damp and mould. We have also sought external specialist advice to provide us with additional assurance that our approach is effective and robust.

In assessing our approach to gaining assurance, we have adopted an improvement focus which has resulted in the updating of our Assurance Framework Action Plan and we will continue to fine tune this in the year ahead to demonstrate our continuous improvement.

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.

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 21st May 2026.

Margaret Whoriskey (Chair)